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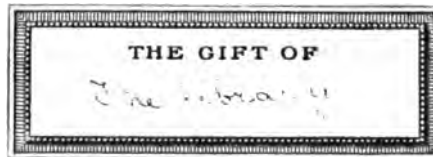
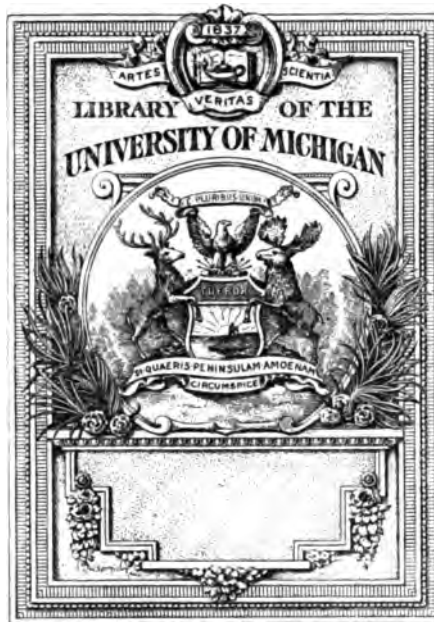
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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
WORCESTER, MASS.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1880.



WORCESTER, MASS.,
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DIRECTORS IN 1881.

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| NATHANIEL PAINE, | J. EVARTS GREENE, | TERM EXPIRES. |
| WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON, | LEWIS W. HAMMOND, | Dec. 31, 1881. |
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | SAMUEL D. HARDING, | " 1882. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | WILLIAM DICKINSON, | " 1883. |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | CLARENDON HARRIS, | " 1884. |
| SAMUEL A. PORTER, | ALBERT WOOD, | " 1885. |
| | | " 1886. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

J. EVARTS GREENE.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

NATHANIEL PAINE.



COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON, NATHANIEL PAINE.
CLARENDON HARRIS, F. A. GASKILL. ALBERT WOOD.

COMMITTEE ON THE READING ROOM.

FRANCIS A. GASKILL, WILLIAM DICKINSON, T. J. CONATY.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

SAMUEL D. HARDING, W. DICKINSON, SAMUEL A. PORTER.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

J. EVARTS GREENE, SAMUEL D. NYE, LEWIS W. HAMMOND.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

SARAH F. EARLE, LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER,
ELLEN L. OTIS, M. JENNIE BARBOUR.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

*To Hon. Frank H. Kelley, Mayor, and to
The City Council of the City of Worcester.*

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-first annual report.

The Directors herewith transmit to the City Council the annual reports of the standing committees of the board, namely, the reports of the Committee on the Library, of the Committee on Finance, the Committee on the Reading Room, and the Committee on the Library Building, and also the annual report of the Librarian, together with that of the Treasurer of the Reading-Room Fund. In these reports, which have been submitted to and accepted by the Board, will be found an account of the operation and condition of the Library during the year, and the reports are respectfully submitted to the City Council. The Board bespeak attention to these reports, containing as they do valuable information relating to the Institution.

By the report of the Librarian, it appears that the number of volumes in the Library, which at its organization in 1860, contained in all only about 11,500 volumes, is now :

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Green Library | 19,549 Vols. |
| Intermediate Department | 10,352 " |
| Circulating Department | 19,723 " |
| <hr/> | |
| Total number | 49,624 Vols. |

There has been added to the Library during the past year, the number of volumes following :

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|---------------------------|------------|
| To the Green Library | 436 Vols. |
| “ Intermediate Department | 702 “ |
| “ Circulating Department | 965 “ |
| | <hr/> |
| | 2103 Vols. |

There has been paid for books out of the income of the Green Library Fund, during the past year, \$1641 15

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Out of the City appropriation | 1610 22 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$3251 37 |

The directors think it can but be obvious that with but \$1600 or \$1700 available from the city appropriation the last year, for the purchase of books, they could not do what was necessary to supply the reasonable wants of our citizens.

As remarked by the Librarian in his report, it cannot surprise any one to learn that the number of volumes added to the Intermediate and Circulating Departments, during this time, is smaller by 300 than the additions of the previous year, and that 9897 fewer volumes have been given out for home use the past year, than in the year before, 113,190 volumes only having been given out in 1879-80, as against 123,087 volumes given out in 1878-9.

With such inadequate means the Board have done what they could to supply a portion of the most pressing wants of the community.

While the directors regret being obliged to note and state a diminished use of the Circulating Department, they have the satisfaction of being able to state that the use of the Reference or Green Library, has continued to increase during the past year. This increase as appears by the Report of the Librarian, for the year, has been 6,555, making 40,866 volumes, which have been used in that department, besides those which readers and students have helped themselves to, and the use of this department, as those familiar with the history of the Library are aware, has grown up almost wholly within the last ten years, the former

Librarian in his last report, in 1870, expressing his regret that the resort to the Green Library for study had not been in more due proportion to the variety and value of the works to be found there. In the accomplishment of this beneficial result in respect to the use of the Green library as well as of that of the library taken as a whole and in bringing all its departments to their present excellent condition, great credit is due to our able librarian whose important services and successful endeavors, devoted as they have been to promoting the best interests of the library and to extending its use, well deserve to be recognized and appreciated in this report. And the directors desire also to express their satisfaction with the faithful services of his assistants whose aid and co-operation are so essential to the operation and management of the library and the increase of its usefulness.

The directors would especially call the attention of the City Government to the importance of having prepared and printed a new catalogue. There have been no catalogues for sale for a year. The work of preparing a catalogue for printing involves a good deal of labor and expense. The librarian, in his report, states that much work has been done the past year in getting ready to print a new edition of the catalogue of books which circulate, and that three times as much work should be done the present year, and that this amount will be done if the city appropriation should be large enough to render the necessary expenditure possible. The librarian adds that it can not be hoped, even if the city appropriation should be as large as asked for, that the catalogue can be prepared for printing in less than a year and a half. Considering what a prime necessity a catalogue is, the directors can not doubt that the City Government will provide for its preparation and printing by such suitable appropriation as the case may require.

The directors desire to call attention to that portion of the report of the librarian relating to the connection of the library with the Public Schools. That our public library can and will do much for our public schools, the directors think can scarcely admit of a doubt. If proof were necessary, the direc-

tors think it may be found in the report and in the paper referred to therein, prepared by the librarian and read before the American Social Science Association, at Saratoga in September last.

The report of the committee on the reading-room shows that department to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The report of the treasurer of the reading-room fund shows the amount of this fund to be \$10,650, invested as follows :

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|--------------------------|------------|
| City of Worcester Bonds, | \$5,000 00 |
| United States Bonds, | 650 00 |
| Mortgage Notes, | 4,700 00 |
| Cash, | 300 00 |

The report of the committee on the library shows they have recommended for purchase during the year 1666 volumes ; 365 for the Green Library, 1301 for the Circulating and Intermediate departments. The committee add that the work of the librarian and his assistants has been in every respect satisfactory to the committee.

The report of the committee on the Library Building shows that only \$179.89 were spent during the year for repairs, &c., that the bills for gas amounted to \$911.75, and the water bill to \$75.34. The cost of wood and coal was \$196.83, and \$25 expended for insurance of the boiler.

The report of the committee on finance contains a detailed statement of resources and expenditures.

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$8,000 00 | |
| Dog money, | 2,612 81 | |
| Fines and miscellaneous receipts at library, | 416 19 | |
| | <hr/> | \$11,029 00 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Books, | \$1643 62 | |
| Binding, | 801 96 | |
| Printing lists of additions, | 107 41 | |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 114 85 | |
| Freight, postage, expressage, &c., | 290 65 | |
| Stationery and paper for covering books, | 62 89 | |
| Postal cards, | 60 00 | |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 15 20 | |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, | 128 14 | |
| Coal and wood, | 196 83 | |
| Gas, | 911 75 | |
| Water, | 75 34 | |
| Salary of librarian, | 2458 34 | |
| Salaries of assistants, | 2779 41 | |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 416 67 | |
| Additional library service, | 721 19 | |
| Insurance, | 25 00 | |
| Cataloguing, | 217 28 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$11,026 53 |
| Balance to sinking fund, | | 2 47 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$11,029 00 |

THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND

was a bequest of Dr. John Green, the founder of our Public Library and the city's great benefactor. In 1860 he consummated his gift of 7500 volumes of well selected works to the city, and in his will bequeathed the sum of \$30,000 to be invested and one-fourth of the income to be annually added to the fund and three-fourths to be used for the purchase of books, to make part of the Green Library.

There has come from his estate the further sum of \$550.85,

which has been added to the \$30,000, making \$30,550.85. This with its accumulation of income arising from the one-fourth thereof to be added as provided by the will constitutes the Green Library Fund, amounting Nov. 30, 1880, as the finance committee report, to \$38,608.43.

The income on this fund amounted the past year to \$2,291.08. One-fourth, \$572.77, in accordance with the wise provisions of his will has been added to the fund and the balance, three-fourths, \$1,718.31, is subject to be expended in accordance with the will as above stated.

The fund is invested in—

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|---|-------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, Nov. 30, 1880, | \$28,601 00 |
| Bank stocks (par value,) | 9,300 00 |
| Deposited in savings bank, | 707 43 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$38,608 43 |

SATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

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|---|------------|
| Balance in City Treasury Dec. 1, 1879, | \$1,829 66 |
| Three-fourths of income for year ending Nov. 30, 1880, | 1,718 31 |
| Interest on deposit for year ending Nov. 30, 1880, | 26 77 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 3,574 74 |
| Expended for books, | 1,853 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance in City Treasury, | \$1,721 56 |

At the close of another year the Directors have the satisfaction of being able to report the institution upon the whole in a satisfactory condition so far as its organization and present supply of books and works are concerned, and they feel they have met so far as the means furnished them would permit, the wants of the community. The Directors are well aware that the expense of supporting the institution is large. But to adopt the lan-

guage of a former board in their report to the City Council, "though the expense of maintaining it is large, they confidently believe that the return for the outlay is ample," and that our citizens approve the expenditure. "The Library is worth to us more than it costs."

More and more is the conviction forced upon us that a Public Library is absolutely indispensable to a prosperous city like ours, and we should feel we had failed in our duty, if we closed this report without commending its claims not only for support but for increase and enlargement to the thoughtful care and favor of the City Council.

P. C. BACON,

President.

Worcester, Dec. 28, 1880.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To Hon. Peter C. Bacon, President of the Board of Directors of
the Free Public Library.*

I herewith present the twenty-first annual report of the librarian.

It is the tenth that I have had the honor to prepare.

Following will be found the tables usually contained in this report. They show receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library for the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

It is well known the amount of money available from the City appropriation for the purchase of books last year was very small, and wholly inadequate to supply the most reasonable wants of citizens. It will, therefore, surprise no one to learn that the number of volumes added to the Intermediate and Circulating departments during this time is smaller by 300 than that representing the additions of the previous year, and that 9,897 fewer volumes have been given out for home use the past year than in the year before. One hundred and thirteen thou-

sand one hundred and ninety volumes were given out for this purpose in the year 1879-80, 123,087 in the year 1878-9.

It is obvious that only a portion of the most pressing wants of a varied community of 60,000 persons can be supplied by an expenditure of but \$1,600 or \$1,700 a year for books to be placed in circulation.

Gifts of books and pamphlets have been more numerous during the year that has just closed than in the year before. A list of givers will be found appended to this report. Their gifts have been acknowledged as received, and although we cannot make any further mention of them here it should be understood that they are appreciated and that the recipients are very grateful for them.

The use of the reference department has continued to grow during the past year. The increase has been large. Forty thousand eight hundred and sixty-six volumes have been used besides those which readers and students have helped themselves to. These books have been used almost exclusively for serious purposes, the number having been used for entertainment alone being very small.

The increase for the year has been 6,555 volumes. The use of this department, it will be remembered, has grown from what may be called no use ten years ago to the use of nearly 41,000 volumes the past year. The number of volumes lost and not paid for was nine the last year, as against ten in the previous year.

The use of the reading-rooms on Sunday has increased, as has been the case every preceding year. The increase during the past year has been wholly in the lower reading-room. The number of persons who have used the two rooms during the year is 14,213. The average number of books given out to readers Sundays, for use in the library building, is 53, the same as that of the previous year.

The rearrangement of books in the reference library which, as is well known, was begun as soon as changes were made in the building that enabled us to avail ourselves of room in the French roof, has gone on with such rapidity as has been practi-

cable with the present number of officers. Commendable progress has been made in this undertaking the past year.

Much work has been done in getting ready to print a new edition of the catalogue of books which circulate during the year, on which we are now reporting. Three times as much should be done the present year, and this amount of work will be done if the City appropriation is large enough to make the necessary expenditure possible. It cannot be hoped that the catalogue can be prepared for printing in less than, say a year and a half, if we do the present year the amount of work on it that can be done with the money which the City government will be asked to appropriate for this object. We have had no catalogues to sell for a year. Readers have to content themselves with the purchase of lists of recent additions occasionally issued by us. It is unnecessary to add that the reading portion of the community is suffering very serious inconvenience in not being able to procure catalogues for use at home, and that the inability of the library to furnish catalogues for this purpose interferes greatly with its power to do the good work which it undertakes to do.

The library has done a very important work the past year in bringing about close relations between itself and the seventh, eighth and ninth grades of the public schools. It is needless to report upon this work here, since persons interested in it have the opportunity of finding out what has been done by reading a paper prepared by the librarian to read at the meeting of the American Social Science Association, in Saratoga, last September, and subsequently printed in the Library Journal and the Journal of Social Science, and also issued in pamphlet form. It is only necessary to state here that work of this kind has been renewed the present school term, and is being carried on with continually increasing success and advantage to scholars and teachers.

Our thanks are due to the Boston Athenæum, the Boston Public Library and Harvard College Library for services rendered and courtesies extended to us the past year as in previous years.

I have had occasion to speak, in a previous report, of the advantages which libraries derive from co-operation. I have been made newly sensible of these in the consideration, during the past year, of the prices we are paying for freight on books brought from foreign countries. This library and several others form a combination under the lead of the Boston Athenæum and import books together. The saving made in this way is very large, and packages come to us much oftener than would be possible if every library acted by itself.

The account of the librarian has been examined and a certificate handed to me of which the following is a copy :

CITY OF WORCESTER, }
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Dec. 17, 1880. }

We have examined the librarian's account from December 1, 1879, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows :

| | | |
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| Cash balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1, 1879, | \$112 38 | |
| Received for fines, catalogues and miscellaneous, | 419 11 | |
| From temporary deposits, | 15 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$546 49 |
| Temporary deposits returned, | \$15 00 | |
| Paid to treasurer of directors, for which his receipts are on file, | 416 19 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1, 1880, | 115 30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$546 49 |

J. EVARTS GREENE,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,
Finance Committee.

All my assistants have been fully occupied during the last year and have discharged faithfully and with interest the work assigned to them. The work has been more perfectly systematized and better done than in any previous year. It has been done, too, with little friction.

In conclusion I will add that I feel confident that intelligent observation would show the City government and citizens that the money placed at the disposal of the directors and executive officers of the library has been spent with rigid economy and in such a manner as to further best the purposes for which this institution is established.

The executive officers of the library wish to express their gratitude for the confidence reposed in them by the directors, and for the kindness shown them during the past year and always. We unite with you in expressing the hope that the institution under our charge will grow more and more prosperous every year.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | | \$8,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds: | | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,745 08 | |
| Reading-room " | 602 12 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,347 20 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | | 2,612 81 |
| " " fines, | | 372 50 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | | 32 73 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | | 8 65 |
| Sale of condemned books, | | 1 37 |
| Sundries, | | 3 86 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total, | | \$13,379 12 |

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|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Receipts brought forward, | | \$13,379 12 |
| Cash on hand at last report : | | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,829 66 | |
| Reading room " | 566 74 | |
| Fines, catalogues, &c., | 112 38 | |
| Special city appropriation, | 986 66 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,495 44 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$16,874 56 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Books : | | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,641 15 | |
| City appropriation, | 1,610 22 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,251 37 |
| Pamphlets : | | |
| City appropriation, | | \$0.87 |
| Periodicals : | | |
| Green Library fund, | \$212 03 | |
| City appropriation, | 32 53 | |
| Reading room fund (including \$20.78 spent by the Treas- urer of the reading-room fund between Dec. 1, and Dec. 17, 1879), | 583 16 | |
| | <hr/> | \$827 72 |
| Binding, | | 801 96 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Repairs and additions, | \$1,058 55 |
| Furniture and fixtures, | 44 25 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Fuel, | 196 87 |
| Lights, | 911 " |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,004 42 |
| Cataloguing, | 839 68 |
| Extra service, | 721 19 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$107 41 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 191 74 |
| Postage, | 132 51 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 28 80 |
| Sundries, | 328 35 |

\$14,472 40

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Cash on hand, December 1, 1880: | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,721 56 |
| Reading room " | 565 30 |
| Money received for fines, sale of catalogues, &c., | 115 30 |
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| | \$2,402 16 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16,874 56 |

ACCESSIONS.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Increase of volumes by purchase: | |
| Green Library, | 365 |
| Intermediate Department, | 263 |
| Circulating Department, | 1038 |
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| | 1,666 |
| Increase of volumes by gifts: | |
| Intermediate Department, | 320 |
| Circulating Department, | 38 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 358 |

Increase of volumes by binding periodicals :

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Green Library, | 71 |
| Intermediate Department, | 151 |
| Circulating Department, | 10 |

 232

Increase by placing unbound volumes of periodicals in the library :

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Intermediate Department, | 20 |
|--------------------------|----|

 2,276

Number of volumes withdrawn since the last report :

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Intermediate Department, | 50 |
| Circulating Department, | 102 |

 152

Number of volumes missing since the last report :

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Intermediate Department, | 2 |
| Circulating Department, | 19 |

 21

 173

Net increase for the year,

 2,103

Number of volumes in the library as last reported :

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Green Library, | 19,113 |
| Intermediate Department, | 9,650 |
| Circulating Department, | 18,758 |

 47,521

 Total number of volumes in the library, 49,624

Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase :

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|--------------------------|---|
| Intermediate Department, | 4 |
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| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gift: | | |
| Intermediate Department, | | 309 |
| | | <hr/> 313 |
| Number of pamphlets withdrawn, | | 63 |
| | | <hr/> 250 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for: | | |
| Reading room fund, | 81 | |
| Green Library fund, | 16 | |
| City funds, | 1 | |
| | — | 98 |
| Number of newspapers given to the reading room, | | 40 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for: | | |
| Reading room fund, | 34 | |
| Green Library fund, | 40 | |
| City fund, | 16 | |
| | — | 90 |
| Number of magazines given to the reading room, | | 8 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 308 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 360 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 366 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 113,190 |
| “ “ “ “ “ reference use, | 40,866 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), Circulating department 367, Reference department, 133, | 500 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), Feb. 7, | 1,218 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, March 13, 896 volumes; in Reference department, Oct. 18, 504 volumes.) | |

| | |
|---|--------|
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), Sept. 9, (Smallest in Circulating department, Feb. 3, 119 volumes; in Reference department, July 10, 17 volumes.) | 180 |
| Number of books lost and paid for: | |
| Circulating Department, | 12 |
| Number of books lost, and not paid for: | |
| Intermediate Department, | 2 |
| Circulating Department, | 7 |
| | — 9 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn: | |
| Circulating Department, | 102 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 4,887 |
| " " volumes bound, | 1,879 |
| " " names registered during the year, | 1,581 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1873), | 18,706 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
|---|--------|
| The reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9, P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 5,300 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 8,913 |
| Total number, | 14,213 |
| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 273 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, (Nov. 21), | 442 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, (June 27), | 129 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 2,767 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 53 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,
Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. Pamphlets. |
|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Abbot, Francis E., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | Chicago Public Library, | 1 |
| Adams, Charles Francis. Jr., <i>Quincy</i> , | 1 | Cincinnati Public Library, | 1 |
| Agassiz, A., Museum of Compara- tive Zoology, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 9 | Clark, Will C., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 |
| Albertson, Charles, <i>Philadelphia</i> , <i>Pa.</i> , | 2 | Clarke, Robert & Co., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 |
| Allen, Edward G., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 4 |
| Allen, George, | 1 | Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | 1 |
| Allen, Zachariah, | 1 | Colton, Reuben, | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | 1 | Concord Free Public Library, | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining En- gineers, | 1 | Conklin, Wm. A., <i>New York</i> , | 1 |
| Ames, John D., <i>Binghamton</i> , <i>N. Y.</i> , | 1 | Connecticut Courant, | 1 |
| Andover, town of, | 1 | Crosby, N., | 1 |
| Anonymous, 10 circulars, | 33 | Cross, Mrs. Wm., | 2 |
| Armstrong, S. C., <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , | 9 | Cutter, C. A., <i>Boston</i> , 1 sheet, | 1 |
| 1 newspaper, | | Dartmouth College, <i>Hanover, N. H.</i> , | 1 |
| Arundel Society, 2 sheets, | | Davenport, Geo. E., <i>Medford</i> , | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | Davis, Andrew McF., 1 No. of a periodical. | |
| Athol Library Association, | | Detroit Public Library, | 1 |
| Atkinson, Edward, <i>Boston</i> , | 5 | Deuerlich 'sche Buchhandlung, | 1 |
| Bangs, Messrs. & Co., <i>New York</i> , | | Dodge, Thomas H., | 1 |
| Bellevue Hospital Medical College, <i>New York City</i> , | | Drew, Allis & Co., | 3 |
| Bigelow Free Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | | Dui, Melvil, <i>Boston</i> , 1 newspaper, | |
| Bolton, Sarah K., | 1 | Earle, John Milton, Children of, | 49 |
| Boston, City of, | 3 | Earle, Sarah F., 1 sheet, | 1 |
| City Hospital, | | Edes, Henry H., | 2 |
| Boston Athenæum, 75 slips, | | Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> , | 1 |
| Boston Public Library, 1 No. of a periodical, 38 sheets, | 1 | Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 |
| Boston University, | 1 | Eustis, H. L., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 |
| Bradlee, C. D., <i>Boston</i> , 1 sheet, | | Evans, Henry N., | 2 |
| Brookline Public Library, | | Fall River Public Library, | 1 |
| Burnham, S. W., | 1 | Fearing, Andrew C., Jr., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 |
| Caldwell, Augustine, | | Fitzgerald, J. & Co., <i>New York</i> , | 1 |
| Cambridge Superintendent of Pub- lic Schools, 1 sheet, | | Foster, W. E., <i>Providence</i> , | 1 |
| Chaney, Geo. L., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Francis, Geo. E., | 1 |
| Chase, Wm. L., | | Friends' Free Reading Room and Library, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | 1 |
| | | Gardner, James T., <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , | 1 |
| | | General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 |
| | | Goddard, Delano A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 |
| | | Goddard, Sextus P., | 1 |
| | | Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 2 |

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| Green, Samuel S., 1 No. of a periodical, 1 card, | 5 | 12 | Lowe, Moses H., | 1 | 1 |
| Griffin, Henry, | 1 | 1 | Lynn Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Hall, Edward W., <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | 1 | 1 | Madison Free Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Hall, Harriet W., <i>Boston</i> , 12 cards in case, | 1 | 1 | Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City of, | 1 | 2 |
| Harney, Geo. Julian, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | 1 | Marble, A. P., 1 newspaper, | 1 | 2 |
| Harris, Clarendon, | 1 | 1 | Mason, Joseph, Chairman Committee of Worcester Bar, | 1 | 1 |
| Harris, Wm. A., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | 1 | 1 | Massachusetts, State of, | 4 | 1 |
| Harris, Wm. T., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | 2 | 1 | Board of Education, | 1 | 1 |
| Hartford Library Association, | 13 | 1 | Secretary of State, | 1 | 1 |
| Harvard College, | 1 | 1 | State Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Harvard College Library, | 2 | 4 | State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, through <i>Phiny Earle</i> , Supt., | 1 | 1 |
| Hastings, Thomas J., | 3 | 1 | State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | 2 | 2 |
| Hawkins, Dexter A., | 1 | 1 | Melrose Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Hayes, John L., | 10 | 1 | Memorial Hall Library, <i>Andover</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Heyl, Lewis, | 1 | 1 | Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Hoar, Geo. F., 1 atlas, | 43 | 1 | Mercantile Library Company, <i>Philadelphia</i> , | 2 | 2 |
| Hodgson, Wm., | 2 | 1 | Merrick Public Library, <i>Brookfield</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Hoffman, W., 7 sheets, | 1 | 1 | Metcalf, C. B., | 2 | 2 |
| Houghton, Osgood & Co., <i>Boston</i> , 1 sheet, | 1 | 1 | Michels, John, 4 papers, | 1 | 1 |
| Howard University, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 | 1 | Milwaukee Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Howland, Henry J., | 21 | 1 | Minnesota Historical Society, | 2 | 1 |
| Independent Republican Association, <i>New York</i> , | 5 | 1 | Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Index Association, through <i>F. E. Abbot, Boston</i> , | 3 | 1 | Morgan, Charles H., | 1 | 1 |
| Indiana Department of Statistics and Geology, | 1 | 1 | Morse Institute Library, <i>Natick</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Indianapolis Public Library, | 2 | 1 | Munn & Co., 3 papers, | 3 | 3 |
| International News Co., <i>New York</i> , | 1 | 1 | Museum of Fine Arts, School of Drawing and Painting, 1 circular, | 1 | 1 |
| Kansas Secretary of State Board of Agriculture, | 1 | 1 | Nagle, John T., <i>New York</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Keen, Wm. W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 2 | 1 | National Railway Publication Co., <i>New York</i> , 1 mounted map, | 1 | 1 |
| Kelley, Dr. Frank H., | 2 | 1 | New Bedford Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Kite, Wm., <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | 1 | 2 | New York Mercantile Library Association, | 1 | 1 |
| Knudsen, C. W., <i>South Norwalk, Ct.</i> , | 1 | 1 | New York State Library, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Ladies' Commission on Sunday School Books, | 1 | 1 | Newton, City Auditor, | 1 | 1 |
| Lancaster Town Library, | 1 | 1 | Newton Free Library, | 2 | 1 |
| Lawrence, Abbot, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 1 | No. Brookfield Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Lawrence Public Library, | 1 | 1 | Northboro Free Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New York</i> , | 2 | 5 | Northrop, B. G., <i>Hartford</i> , 1 sheet, | 2 | 1 |
| Leeds, <i>Eng.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 | Noyes, Snow & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Leicester Public Library, | 1 | 1 | Paine, Nathaniel, | 1 | 8 |
| Library Company of Philadelphia, | 1 | 1 | Paine, Robert Treat, Jr., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 7 |
| Lincoln, D. Waldo, Estate of, | 20 | 1 | card, 7 circulars, | 1 | 1 |
| Liverpool, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 | Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Lothrop, D. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , 1 No. of a periodical, | 1 | 1 | Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | 1 | 1 |
| Lovell, Albert A., Librarian of Worcester Society of Antiquity, | 2 | 1 | Perry, Adeliza, | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Peterson, Ellis, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Philadelphian Literary Society, <i>Worcester</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Phillips, J. O. Halliwell, | 1 | 1 |

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| Plymouth, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Library, | | 1 | United States, | | |
| Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 | Attorney Gen'l, 1 No. periodical, | 4 | |
| Porquet, Ch., <i>Paris</i> , | 1 | | Bureau of Education, | | 14 |
| Porter, Robert P., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | | Chief of Engin's, 10 maps, 1 sheet, | 5 | 3 |
| Portland Public Library, 1 newspaper, | | | Chief of Ordnance, | 1 | |
| Potter, T. B., Hon. Sec. Committee | | | Comptroller of the Currency, | 2 | |
| of the Cobden Club, | 1 | | Department of the Interior, 1 map, | 6 | 2 |
| Pratt, Charles B., | | 1 | Department of the Treasury, | 7 | |
| Providence Public Library, | | 1 | General Land Office, 1 map, | | |
| Public School Library, <i>Cleveland, O.</i> , | | 1 | Library of Congress, 1 sheet, | | 1 |
| Publishers of Albany Journal, | | 1 | Life-Saving Service, | 1 | |
| Publishers of Alta California, <i>San</i> | | | Naval Academy, <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| <i>Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | Naval Observatory, | 2 | |
| Publishers of Public Ledger, | | 1 | Navy Department, | 2 | 5 |
| Publishers of the Watchman, | | 1 | Patent Office, | 1 | 1 |
| Putnam & Davis, | | 2 | Surgeon General's Office, | 1 | |
| Quaritch, Bernard, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | | University of Michigan, <i>Ann Arbor,</i> | | |
| Redwood Library and Athenæum, | | | <i>Mich.</i> , | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | | University of Vermont and State Ag- | | |
| Rice, Wm., | | 1 | ricultural College, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> | | 1 |
| Rice, W. W., | 30 | | Van Name, Addison, <i>New Haven, Ct.</i> | 1 | |
| Roffe, A. H. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | Vickers, Thomas, | | 1 |
| Rowell, Geo. P. & Co., <i>New York</i> , | 1 | | Voorhees, D. W., <i>Indiana</i> , | | 1 |
| St. Louis Mercantile Library Associ- | | | Ware, Wm. R., <i>Boston</i> , | | 8 |
| ation, | | | Watertown Free Public Library, | 1 | 2 |
| St. Louis Public School Library, | | | Webber, George C., <i>Millbury</i> , | | 1 |
| Salisbury, Stephen, Jr., | 5 | | Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Sauveur, L., <i>New York</i> , | 1 | | Woburn Public Library, | | 2 |
| Scull, Edward L., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 5 | Wolcott, J. W., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Second Parish, Worcester, | | 2 | Woman's Education Association, <i>Bos-</i> | | |
| Sever, Charles W., | | 1 | <i>ton</i> , 8 sheets, | | |
| Smith, H. M., | | 1 | Worcester, City of, | 7 | |
| Smith, T. Guildford, | | 5 | City Auditor, | | 1 |
| Smith College, | | 2 | City Clerk, | | 3 |
| Smithsonian Institution, | | | Superintendent of Schools, | | 6 |
| Soule, John P., <i>Boston</i> , | 4 | | Worcester Academy, | | 1 |
| Southbridge Public Library | | | Worcester County Free Institute of | | |
| Spear, Samuel T., | | 1 | Industrial Science, | | 1 |
| Springfield City Library Association, | | | Worcester County Free Institute of | | |
| Staples, Samuel E., | 1 | | Industrial Science, Class of '80, | | 1 |
| Stechert, Gustav E., <i>New York</i> , | | 1 | Worcester County Musical Associa- | | |
| Stephens, A. H., <i>Georgia</i> , | | 1 | tion, | | 1 |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | 1 | |
| Stevens, Charles E., | | 1 | Yale College, | | 3 |
| Stevens, Charles E., Treasurer of | | | Yale College Library, | 1 | |
| Boston & Albany R. R. Co., | | 2 | Young Men's Christian Association, | | |
| Stone & Carpenter, <i>Providence, R.I.</i> , | 1 | | <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Tangye Brothers & Holman, | | 1 | Young Men's Christian Association, | | |
| Taunton Public Library, | | 1 | <i>New York</i> , | 1 | |
| Taylor, Wm. B., | | 1 | Young Men's Institute, <i>New Haven,</i> | | |
| Thompson, Charles O., | | 2 | <i>Ct.</i> , | | 1 |
| Toledo Public Library, | | 14 | Young Men's Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> | | |
| Tucker, W. W., | | 1 | 2 lists of additions, | | 1 |
| United States, Adjutant General's | | | | | |
| Office, | 1 | | | 344 | 346 |

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee have recommended for purchase during the past year 1666 volumes, 365 for the Green Library, 1301 for the Circulating and Intermediate Departments.

The work of the Librarian and his assistants has been in every respect satisfactory to the Committee. The use of the Library by the public, the excellent progress in cataloguing, and other details appear in the Report of the Librarian.

For the Committee,

EDWARD H. HALL,

Chairman.

R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE READING ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

In submitting their annual report for the year 1880, the Committee on the Reading Room have to say that no changes of great importance have taken place in the department of the Library under their charge. Twenty-one periodicals have been added to the number kept on file in the two reading rooms, and ten have been discontinued. A list of each is appended to this report. Somewhat more favorable terms of subscription have been obtained from the publishers of a number of magazines and newspapers, by which the income of the Reading Room fund has been able to meet the demands upon it, for the somewhat larger number of periodicals taken. Among the additions to the list for the past year, are two illustrated Swedish papers, the first publications in that language received at the reading room. We are informed that they have given pleasure and been of use to many of the increasing number of Swedes and other Scandinavians who are beginning to be recognized as a valuable element in our population.

The imperfect ventilation of the lower reading room, has been the occasion of many not unreasonable complaints. No relief has been obtained except by the rude expedient of opening the windows, to which in some weather there are obvious objections. It is hoped that an improvement may be made at small expense, by means which, we believe, another Committee has under consideration.

J. EVARTS GREENE,

WM. DICKINSON.

Worcester, Dec. 22d, 1880.

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

*Academy, The,

American Gas Light Journal,
American Journal of Education,
American Machinist,
American Manufacturer and Iron World,
Berrow's Worcester Journal,
†Bien Public, I.e.,
Book Buyer,
*Boston Investigator,

Bulletin of the National Association of
Wool Manufacturers,
Christian Leader,
Christian Register,
Congressional Record,
Courrier de Worcester,
Cultivator and Country Gentleman,
Donahoe's Magazine,
Engineering,
Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel,
Freidenker,
Good Health,
Index,
*Inventors and Manufacturer's Gazette,
Kindergarten Messenger and the New
Education,
Locomotive,
Maine Farmer,
Massachusetts Ploughman,
Monthly Notes of the Library Associa-
tion of the United Kingdom,
Musical Herald,
National View,
New England Farmer,
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office,
Our Dumb Animals,
Public Ledger,
The Railway Age,
Signs of the Times,
Southern Workman,
Sunday Herald,
Travailleur,
Tuftonian,
Unitarian Review and Religious Maga-
zine,
Universalist Quarterly,
†Vox Humana,
Watchman,
Woman's Journal,
Worcester Daily Spy,
Worcester Daily Times,
Worcester Evening Gazette,
World's Crisis,
Zion's Herald,

Legomathenian Society of Worcester
Academy.

G. Warren Dresser, *Editor*.

J. B. Merwin, *Editor*.

Proprietors of the Spy.

Jackson Bailey, *Corresponding Editor*.

Charles H. Birbeck, *Proprietor*.

Editors.

Publishers.

Publishers and Members of the Anthro-
pological Society, Worcester.

Association.

Universalist Publishing House.

American Unitarian Association.

W. W. Rice.

Publishers.

Proprietors of the Spy.

Thomas J. Conaty.

Publishers.

Sentinel Publishing Company.

Publishers.

Eliza Thayer.

Sarah F. Earle.

Publishers.

Publishers.

J. L. Smith.

Proprietors of the Spy.

Proprietors of the Spy.

S. S. Green.

Publishers.

A. B. Brown.

Proprietors of the Spy.

United States Patent Office.

Publishers.

George W. Childs, *Proprietor*.

Estate of D. Waldo Lincoln.

Eliza Thayer.

Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield.

Anonymous.

Publishers.

Tufts College.

American Unitarian Association.

S. D. Harding.

George Woods & Co., *Publishers*.

Publishers.

Sarah F. Earle.

Publishers.

Publishers.

Publishers.

Publishers.

Unknown.

*Discontinued.

†Publication Stopped.

PERIODICALS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING THE YEAR.

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| Allehanda för Folket, | R. R. Fund. | Ny Illustrerad Tidning, | R. R. F. |
| American Antiquarian, | G. L. F. | La Nouvelle Revue, | G. L. F. |
| American Bookseller, | G. L. F. | American Machinist, | Gift. |
| American Entomologist, | G. L. F. | Courrier de Worcester, | Gift. |
| American Journal of Philology, | G. L. F. | Good Health, | Gift. |
| Antiquary, The, | G. L. F. | Locomotive, | Gift. |
| Art Interchange, | R. R. F. | Monthly Notes of the Library Association | |
| Boston Herald, | R. R. F. | of the United Kingdom, | Gift. |
| Deutsche Rundschau, | G. L. F. | Musical Herald, | Gift. |
| Education, | R. R. F. | Railway Age, | Gift. |
| Harvard Register, | R. R. F. | Signs of the Times, | Gift. |

MAGAZINES AND PAPERS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR 1879-80.

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| Harvard Lampoon, | R. R. Fund. | Boston Investigator, | Gift. |
| Missouri Republican, | R. R. F. | Le Bien Public, | Gift. |
| Quarterly Jour. of Inebriety, | City Funds. | Inventors and Man'fac's Gazette, | Gift. |
| Academy, | Gift. | Librarian, The, | City Funds. |
| American Machinist, | Gift. | Vox Humana, | C. F. |

J. EVARTS GREENE,

For the R. R. Com.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Building has to report that the elevator has been accepted and paid for during the past year.

For ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, &c., we spent \$128.14. We also incurred a liability for \$51.75, which sum represents one-half the cost of repairs on the wall between the estate of Dr. Thomas H. Gage and the lot of the Public Library, and one-half the expense of building and painting the fence between the two estates. This amount we could not pay last year, as no money was left unappropriated from the city appropriation when it became necessary to make the improvement, and were obliged to ask Dr. Gage to wait for his money until it could be paid out of this year's appropriation.

It thus appears that the expenses of the year for repairs, &c., were \$179.89. \$911.75 has been spent for gas and \$75.34 for water, during the past year.

Coal and wood have cost \$196.83, and there has been an expenditure of \$25 for insurance of the boiler.

Following are the estimates of sums of money needed the present year.

These have not yet been passed upon by the Board of Directors, but have been approved by the Committee on Finance.

Ordinary repairs, \$150 in addition to the amount spent last year for the fence, &c., namely, \$51.75.

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| Insurance of boiler, | \$25 00 |
| Additional Shelving, | 50 00 |
| Gas, | 824 78 |
| Water, | 80 34 |
| Coal and wood, | 290 00 |

The estimates for repairs, &c., and for gas are less than the expenditures of last year.

We shall have to use more burners the present year than last, but the expenditure will be much less, owing to the reduction in the price of gas.

The estimate for coal and wood is larger than the expenditure of last year.

We had no coal on hand at the beginning of the present year, December 1, 1880, and shall therefore have to buy about fifty tons, which at the price which the city is now paying for coal, will make our bill, for this article of fuel alone, \$280.

SAMUEL D. HARDING,

Chairman.

WM. DICKINSON,

SAMUEL D. NYE.

Worcester, December 22, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The financial statements of the Free Public Library and of the Green Library Fund are herewith submitted. By careful economy and favorable prices of certain supplies, the expenditures for some purposes have been kept so far within the estimates that a slightly larger sum has been available for the purchase of books than was anticipated at the beginning of the year. The Green Library Fund, of which more than two thousand dollars was temporarily deposited in savings banks at the beginning of the year waiting an opportunity for investment in accordance with the instructions of the founder, is now invested in mortgages and bank stocks as closely as could be expected, leaving only about seven hundred dollars temporarily deposited to await investment.

J. EVARTS GREENE,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND.

Worcester, Dec. 22d, 1880.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending Nov. 30, 1880.

RESOURCES.

| | |
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| City appropriation, | \$8,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 2,612 81 |
| Fines and miscellaneous receipts at library, | 416 19 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$11,029 00 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Books, | \$1,643 62 |
| Binding, | 801 96 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 107 41 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 114 85 |
| Freight, postage, expressage, &c., | 290 65 |
| Stationery and paper for covering books, | 62 89 |
| Postal cards, | 60 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 15 20 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, &c., | 128 14 |
| Coal and wood, | 196 83 |
| Gas, | 911 75 |
| Water, | 75 34 |
| Salary of Librarian, | 2,458 34 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 2,779 41 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 416 67 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| Additional library service, | . | . | . | 721 | 19 |
| Insurance, | . | . | . | 25 | 00 |
| Cataloguing, | . | . | . | 217 | 28 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$11,026 | 53 |
| Balance to sinking fund, | . | . | . | 2 | 47 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | \$11,029 | 00 |

J. EVARTS GREENE,

For the Finance Com.

STATEMENT

OF THE

GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1880, is as follows:

| | |
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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,563 81 |
| Dividends on bank stocks, . . . | 507 50 |
| Interest on deposits in savings banks, | 68 28 |
| Bank tax of 1879, refunded by Commissioner, | 129 10 |
| Interest on national bank deposits, | 22 39 |
| | ————— \$2,291 08 |

One-fourth part of the income, \$572.77, has been added to the fund. The remaining three-fourths, \$1,718.31, are subject to be expended in accordance with the will of Dr. Green.

STATEMENT OF THE FUND.

| | Nov. 30, 1879. | Nov. 30, 1880. |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$26,001 00 | \$28,601 00 |
| Bank stock (par value) | 9,300 00 | 9,300 00 |
| Deposits in savings banks, | 2,734 66 | 707 43 |
| | ————— | ————— |
| | \$38,035 66 | \$38,608 43 |

STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

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|--|------------|
| Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1879, | \$1,829 66 |
| Three-fourths of income for year ending | |
| Nov. 30, 1880, | 1,718 31 |
| Interest on deposits for year ending | |
| Nov. 30, 1880, | 26 77 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,574 74 |
| Expended for books, | 1,853 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance in City Treasury, Nov. 30, 1880, | \$1,721 56 |

J. EVARTS GREENE,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,

Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE READING-ROOM FUND.

NATHANIEL PAINE, Treasurer, in account with the READING
ROOM FUND OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| 1879. | <i>Dr.</i> | |
| Dec. 17. | Balance by last report, | \$545 96 |
| 1880. | | |
| Dec. 1. | To interest on City bonds to date, | \$300 00 |
| | Interest on United States bonds, | 21 50 |
| | Interest on Mortgage notes, | 280 62 |
| | | <u>\$802 12</u> |
| | | \$1,148 08 |

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| 1880. | <i>Cr.</i> | |
| Dec. 1. | By subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals to date, | \$562 38 |
| | Premium on United States bonds bought, | 17 25 |
| | Postage and incidentals, | 3 15 |
| | | <u>\$582 78</u> |
| 1880. | | |
| Dec. 1. | By balance, | 565 30 |
| | | <u>\$1,148 08</u> |

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| The READING ROOM FUND is invested in | |
| City of Worcester bonds, | \$5,000 00 |
| United States bonds, | 650 00 |
| Mortgage notes, | 4,700 00 |
| Cash, | 300 00 |
| | <u>\$10,650 00</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL PAINE,
Treasurer.

WORCESTER, Dec. 17, 1880.

The undersigned have examined the vouchers and securities in the hands of the Treasurer, and find his accounts and statements correct.

J. EVARTS GREENE,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,
Finance Committee.

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DIRECTORS IN 1882.

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| WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON, | LEWIS W. HAMMOND, | Dec. 31, 1882. |
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | SAMUEL D. HARDING, | " 1883. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | WILLIAM DICKINSON, | " 1884. |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | CLARENDON HARRIS, | " 1885. |
| SAMUEL A. PORTER, | ALBERT WOOD, | " 1886. |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | " 1887. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

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| PRESIDENT. | SECRETARY AND TREASURER. |
| WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON. | LEWIS W. HAMMOND. |

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| COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY. | | |
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | CLARENDON HARRIS, | |
| ALBERT WOOD, | JONAS G. CLARK, | LEWIS W. HAMMOND. |

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| COMMITTEE ON THE READING ROOM. | | |
| WILLIAM DICKINSON, | T. J. CONATY, | FRANCIS H. DEWEY. |

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| COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING. | | |
| SAMUEL D. HARDING, | W. DICKINSON, | SAMUEL A. PORTER. |

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| COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. | | |
| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | SAMUEL D. NYE, | LEWIS W. HAMMOND. |

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

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| ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS. | | |
| SARAH F. EARLE, | LUCIE A. YOUNG, | JESSIE E. TYLER, |
| ELLEN L. OTIS, | M. JENNIE BARBOUR. | |



WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

*To the Hon. Frank H. Kelley, Mayor, and the City Council of
the City of Worcester :*

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-second annual report.

The reports of the several standing committees of the board and of the librarian are herewith transmitted, and to them your Honor and the Council are respectfully referred for facts and suggestions in regard to the administration of the Library.

The directors are pleased to report an increased use of the library in both the departments. The number of books issued from the circulating department has been greater by about fifteen hundred than for the previous year. This increase, though small as compared with the rapid decline in the use of this part of the library for several years past, is gratifying evidence that the tide has turned and that the public is beginning to make a larger and better use of the opportunities which the wise and liberal policy of the city government has provided. The reasons why the number of volumes annually taken from the library has declined within a few years from nearly one hundred and forty thousand to one hundred and thirteen thousand, are that people have less leisure for reading when business of all kinds makes more exacting demands upon their time than during the commercial depression of a few years ago ; that the smaller sums appropriated for the library for several years have not enabled the Directors to provide so many new books, which are chiefly sought by readers ; and that it has been the policy of the Directors and the

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librarian to adopt a somewhat stricter rule of selection in buying new books, excluding for the most part those works of merely sensational and emotional fiction, which fascinate many readers, are quickly dispatched, and therefore make a larger figure in the number of volumes issued than books of a more substantial and wholesome character occupying the same readers for an equal length of time.

Two of these causes have continued to operate and perhaps with increased force during the past year. Employment of all kinds has been abundant, and the effort to raise the standard of literature in this department has been steadily maintained.

The causes of the increase of circulation seem to have been the growth of the city in population, the somewhat larger number of new books added to the circulating department during the year, and especially the more effective co-operation of the library and the schools in drawing the attention of scholars to books which instruct as well as interest. This work, conceived and carried into execution by the librarian with remarkable tact and patience and gratifying success, is not the least of the valuable services he has rendered to the public. It is the testimony, we believe, of most if not all the teachers who have observed its influence, that it distinctly adds to the value of public school instruction, without increasing perceptibly the mental strain upon the pupils. By supplying illustrations from general literature it gives reality, life and color to the subjects of study, stimulates curiosity and makes the gaining of knowledge a pleasant labor. Besides this, the habit of resorting to a library for special information on any matter of present interest, and some skill in making its treasures available, is of no small advantage. The difference is enormous between two persons, having about equal amounts of general knowledge, one of whom carries all his resources in his head and the other habitually draws from a library the special knowledge which is constantly useful in dealing with the practical problems of life, public or private. On a desert island these two persons would stand upon the same level, but in any civilized modern community the latter has greatly the advantage. The work of the library in connection with the schools

should be encouraged, and any reasonable expenditure needed to enlarge its scope or make it more effective should not be spared.

Though the Directors have aimed to exclude the lighter and less wholesome class of novels, the library contains many works of fiction, and a considerable number, estimated at ten per cent. of all the books purchased, has been added during the year. The wisdom and propriety of these purchases have not been doubted by the board. Besides the ordinary arguments, that as a public body, entrusted with discretion in supplying the wants of the public, we must be influenced more or less by the public desires; that the reading of light literature is the first step in cultivating a literary taste which will not always be satisfied with such food; and that the reading even of frivolous books is preferable to mere idleness or gross dissipation, which to some extent it certainly supplants, the Directors believe that the value of good novels as a supplement to history, biography, books of travel, etc., has been much underrated by many censors of literature. The real worth of these books of history and so forth lies not so much in what they tell of the acts and sayings of the individuals mentioned in them, as in the light they throw upon the general condition of society in the times and places of which they treat. Modern historians recognize this truth; and do not, as their predecessors used, confine themselves almost exclusively to an account of dynasties, wars and treaties. They still, however, deal chiefly with monarchs, soldiers and statesmen. It is perhaps somewhat more important, but not much, to know the personal relations of Charles and Louis, or what George said to Pitt in his cabinet, than to be told who attended Brown's dinner party, whether Jones' love affairs were fortunate, or of the failure of Robinson's plans of life. But when we come to compare the Charleses and Georges as a class with the Browns, Joneses and Robinsons, it must be admitted that the doings and sayings of the latter are a subject of more rational interest to us, because there are more of them, and they constitute a much larger part of society, in its widest sense, in regard to whose condition and character we are properly inquisitive. The novelist does not profess that his narrative is precisely true of a few persons identical in name and

character with those who figure in his story, but that his characters are selected representatives of classes of persons which existed in the times and country of which he writes, and that his incidents are such as would naturally occur to such persons under such conditions, and such as did in fact occur every day. If the author is a competent observer and a faithful reporter, his story becomes "an abstract and brief chronicle of the time," and has value for every student of men and manners.

Other books which give similar information, often in a form less attractive, such as biographies, travels, diaries and collections of letters, are esteemed, and no one is reproved for reading them. They are justly regarded as instructive and useful books, but their real value does not depend upon the interest we take in the affairs of the persons mentioned in them, but on the amount of light they throw upon the state of society and the aspects of life in the times and places of which they treat. The Partons Letters and Pepys' Diary are regarded as invaluable illustrations of certain periods of English history, and so they are. Pepys and the Partons were insignificant persons enough in themselves, but they were samples of thousands of other Englishmen of their respective times, and the chief interest of their literary remains lies in the knowledge they give of the general manner of life in those days, how men got their money and spent it, their relations with their neighbors, how they managed their domestic affairs, their courtships and lawsuits, how they intrigued and fought, died and were buried. Knowledge of the same kind we get from a good novel by an author who gives the result of his own observations or of careful study of authentic material. More than one novel might be mentioned from which the reader gets a more distinct and vivid notion of the machinery of English politics and the working of governmental institutions than from any formal treatise. From the novels of Trollope and Mrs. Oliphant alone, not to mention others of perhaps equal merit, one obtains an intimate knowledge of the conditions and manner of life in England, chiefly in what our English cousins, with their aptitude for nice social distinctions, call the "upper middle class." Novelists of our own country give

valuable insight into the peculiarities of southern character, as moulded by the conditions of life which have existed in that part of our country, or draw correct pictures of life in New England for the enlightenment of readers elsewhere. From the historical romances of Professor Ebers, can be gained a clearer idea of what ancient Egypt was in the time of its greatest prosperity, than from many volumes of formal history or learned discourses on Egyptian antiquities. Palgrave's oriental novels enable us to realize more fully what life in the east is at the present day than does his account of his travels in those countries. It is not too much to say that if we had a series of contemporary novels written in England at intervals of fifty years from the time of the Norman conquest, by writers of Thackeray's genius, any attentive reader of them would know more of what is really valuable in English history than the most diligent student of existing materials now does.

Other uses of novels of the first rank, such as the light they throw upon difficult problems of character and manners, their service as a relaxation from severer study or physical labor, and as a temporary occupation in times of illness or convalescence, can be barely mentioned here. Of course many novels are empty and profitless, others morbid, others unwholesomely stimulating, others corrupt and poisonous. It has been the aim of the Directors to offer none of these to the users of the library. The task of selection is not always easy, and doubtless some mistakes have been made. No doubt also the tendency in many cases to read novels exclusively or in undue proportion to other reading should be judiciously discouraged, but the Directors believe that the purchase of a fair proportion of well chosen novels for a public library is legitimate, and that the reading of them is not merely an amusement, to be tolerated, more or less grudgingly, but, within proper limits, a useful as well as pleasant occupation.

The report of the librarian calls attention to the subject of the new catalogue of the circulating library. Much progress has been made in its preparation during the past year, and this work can be completed so that the manuscript may go to the printer

in the autumn, though the catalogues will not be ready for the public until some time in the year 1883. The work is, of course, indispensable, and should be delayed no longer than is necessary for its careful execution. The Directors recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 towards the cost of printing an edition of three thousand copies. This sum will not cover the whole cost, but will probably be sufficient to meet the expenses on that account for the next year. It should be understood that a portion of the cost will be returned from sales of catalogues.

The insurance on the library and the building will expire during the next year, and the necessity of renewing, and perhaps increasing it will increase the expenses for the year by about four hundred dollars.

The Directors, in behalf of the public, whom they represent, wish to express their deep sense of the fidelity of the librarian and his assistants. Their work, often laborious and perplexing, has been done with uniform patience, skill and courtesy.

In closing our report, we confidently commend this institution, which it has been our pleasant duty to superintend, to the generous care and favor of the city council, feeling sure that none of the other institutions, of which our citizens are justly proud, are more beneficent, or will more amply repay the cost and labor of watchful supervision and liberal support.

In behalf of the Directors.

J. EVARTS GREENE,

President.

Worcester, *Dec. 27th*, 1881.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To Mr. J. Evarts Greene, President of the Board of Directors
of the Free Public Library.*

I herewith present the twenty-second annual report of the librarian. It is the eleventh which I have prepared.

Following will be found the tables usually contained in this report. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library for the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

The two most noticeable facts brought out by an examination of these tables, are that a thousand more volumes have been added to the library than in the previous year, and that the use of the library during the year now reported on, by students and readers, shows a satisfactory increase in all its departments.

It is particularly gratifying to notice that the number of volumes given out for home use during the past year, instead of diminishing as had been the case during the last four years, has increased considerably, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that the hitherto high standard of literature in this department has been raised still higher.

It may be remarked here, that the closer connection between the library and the grammar and some lower grades of schools, which has been brought about within two years, is doing much to elevate the character of the reading of boys and girls. Their attention has been drawn by teachers to large numbers of

interesting and wholesome books, which would not otherwise have come into their hands, and they have read them with enjoyment and profit.

114,591 volumes were given out for home use in 1880-1, 113,190 in the year 1879-80.

Gifts of books and pamphlets have been more numerous during the year that has just closed than in the year before. A list of givers will be found appended to this report. Many of the gifts are valuable.

The increase in the use of the reference department repeats the experience of every one of the last eleven years. 43,414 volumes have been used, besides those which readers and students have helped themselves to. These books have been used almost exclusively for serious purposes. The increase for the year has been 2,548 volumes. It should be stated, however, that a portion of this increase is due to the fact, that account has been taken of the number of volumes of drawings and specifications of patents used, for the first time in the statistics of the past year. The number of volumes lost and not paid for during the past year was ten, all from the circulating department.

The number of persons who have used the reading-rooms on Sunday during the last year is 14,917, as against 14,213 in the previous year. The average number of books given out to readers Sundays, for use in the library building, is 49.

Much work has been done during the past two years, by Miss Earle and her assistants, in getting ready to print a new edition of the catalogue of books which circulate. The first rough draft is nearly ready. Several months will be needed in the work of revision, but it is believed that the manuscript will be ready for the printer early in the autumn of 1882.

It is to be hoped that the city government will be able to appropriate money enough to the library, to enable it to print a considerable portion of the catalogue the present year. The last edition of the catalogue and of the supplement have been exhausted for two years past, and after the library begins to print a new edition, it will take several months to pass it through the press.



Our thanks are due to the Boston Athenæum, the Boston Public Library and Harvard College Library, for services rendered and courtesies extended to us the past year as in previous years.

The account of the librarian has been examined and a certificate handed to me, of which the following is a copy :

City of Worcester, Free Public Library, Dec. 8th, 1881.

We have examined the librarian's account from December 1st, 1880, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows :

| | | |
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| Cash balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1st, 1880, | \$115 30 | |
| Received for fines, catalogues, and from miscellaneous sources, | 432 08 | |
| | | \$547 38 |
| Paid temporary deposits returned, | \$ 17 00 | |
| " N. Paine, treasurer, | 423 95 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands, | 106 43 | |
| | | \$547 38 |

Signed,

J. EVARTS GREENE,
SAM'L D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,

*Finance Committee, Directors of Free
Public Library.*

Thanking the Board of Directors for their continued kindness shown to me and the other executive officers of the library, I proceed at once to lay before you the tables of statistics.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$10,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,145 40 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 537 86 |
| | \$2,683 26 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 2,595 49 |
| " " fines, | 360 90 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 19 48 |
| 2 | |

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| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 4 75 |
| Sale of condemned books, | 89 |
| Sundries, | 29 06 |
| Total, | <u>\$15,693 83</u> |
| Cash on hand at last report : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,721 56 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 565 90 |
| Fines, catalogues, &c., | 115 30 |
| | <u>\$2,402 16</u> |
| | <u>\$18,095 99</u> |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

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| Books : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,018 54 |
| City appropriation, | 2,909 15 |
| | <u>\$4,922 69</u> |
| Periodicals : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$228 48 |
| City appropriation, | 28 56 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 577 97 |
| | <u>\$829 96</u> |
| Binding, | 762 39 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

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| Repairs and additions, | \$288 11 |
| Furniture and fixtures, | 51 66 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Fuel, | 870 12 |
| Lights, | 780 10 |
| | <u>\$8,030 08</u> |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

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| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,287 16 |
| Cataloguing, | 1,070 05 |
| Extra service, | 680 16 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

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| Printing catalogues, | \$107 58 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 156 86 |
| Postage, | 126 67 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 18 80 |
| Sundries, | 428 27 |
| | <u>\$15,850 08</u> |

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Cash on hand, December 1, 1881 :

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| Green Library Fund, | \$1,629 99 | |
| Reading-room Fund, | 472 99 | |
| Money received for fines, sale of catalogues, &c., | 106 48 | |
| Municipal appropriation (transferred to the sinking fund). | 36 55 | |
| | | <u>\$2,245 96</u> |
| | | \$18,095 99 |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Green Library, | 471 | |
| Intermediate department, | 294 | |
| Circulating department, | 1,936 | |
| | | <u>2,701</u> |

Increase of volumes by gifts :

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|--------------------------|-----|------------|
| Green Library, | 2 | |
| Intermediate department, | 347 | |
| Circulating department, | 21 | |
| | | <u>370</u> |

Increase of volumes by binding periodicals :

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|--------------------------|-----|------------|
| Green Library, | 87 | |
| Intermediate department, | 165 | |
| Circulating department, | 10 | |
| | | <u>262</u> |

Increase by placing unbound volumes of periodicals in the library :

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| Intermediate department, | 6 | |
| | | <u>8,859</u> |

Number of volumes withdrawn since the last report :

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| Intermediate department, | 8 | |
| Circulating department, | 147 | |
| | | <u>150</u> |

Number of volumes missing since the last report :

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| Circulating department, | 17 | |
| | | <u>167</u> |

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| Net increase for the year, | 8,172 |
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Number of volumes in the library as last reported :

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| Green Library, | 19,549 | |
| Intermediate department, | 10,852 | |
| Circulating department, | 19,723 | |
| | | <u>49,624</u> |

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| Total number of volumes in the library, | 52,796 |
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| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 59 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gift : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 335 |
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| | | 394 |
| Number of pamphlets withdrawn : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 3 |
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| Net increase for the year, | | 391 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room Fund, | 75 | |
| Green Library Fund, | 15 | |
| City funds, | 1 | |
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| | | 91 |
| Number of newspapers given to the reading-room, | | 36 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room Fund, | 42 | |
| Green Library Fund, | 38 | |
| City funds, | 17 | |
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| | | 97 |
| Number of magazines given to the reading-room, | | 9 |

CIRCULATION.

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| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 3044 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 3564 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 114,591 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 43,414 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 876; Reference department, 143), | 519 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), December 4, 1880, | 1,488 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, March 5, 1,036 volumes; in Reference department, January 20, 665 volumes.) | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), August 2, | 198 |
| (Smallest in Circulating department, June 10, 128 volumes; in Reference department, August 4, 19 volumes.) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 7 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 10 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn : | |
| Circulating department, | 147 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 4,745 |

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| Number of volumes bound, | 1,611 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,477 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1873), | 20,187 |

SUNDAY USE.

The reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M.

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| Number of persons using the upper-room, | 4,948 |
| Number of persons using the lower-room, | 9,969 |

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| Total number, | 14,917 |
| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 287 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, (January 2), | 496 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, (June 26 and July 17), | 147 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 2,553 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 49 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| | | | | | | | |
| Adams, Charles Francis, Jr., | 1 | | | Public Schools, Board of Supervisors, <i>through Ellis Peterson</i> , 1 sheet, | 1 | 1 | |
| Agassiz, A., Museum of Comparative Zoology, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 7 | | | School Committee, | 2 | 2 | |
| Alameda Free Library, <i>Alameda, Cal.</i> , 3 newspapers, | | | | Boston & Albany Railroad Co., | | 1 | |
| Allen, Edward G., <i>London, Eng.</i> , 4 | 1 | | | Boston Athenæum, | 1 | | |
| American Antiquarian Society, | 2 | | | Boston Public Library, | | 7 | |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 2 sheets, 8 folded sheets, | 2 | | | Boston University, | 1 | 1 | |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 8 | 24 | | Bowditch, Henry I., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | |
| American Society of Civil Engineers, 1 newspaper, | 1 | | | Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Amherst College, | | | | Bradlee, C. D., <i>Boston</i> , 8 sheets, | | | |
| Angell, George T., | | | | 4 programmes, | 1 | 8 | |
| Anonymous, 1 newspaper, | 1 | 11 | | Braun, Adolphe, <i>Paris, France</i> , | | 15 | |
| Anonymous, <i>through D. Appleton & Co.</i> , | 4 | 16 | | Brigham, E. H., Assistant Librarian, Boston Medical Library Association, | | 3 | |
| Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | | Bronson Library, <i>Waterbury, Ct.</i> , | | 3 | |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | | | Brookline Public Library, | | 1 | |
| Atwood, E. S., <i>Salem</i> , | 1 | | | Brown University, | | 2 | |
| Baker, Mrs. F. M., | 1 | | | Brownson, Henry F., | 1 | | |
| Barbour, M. Jennie, 1 newspaper, | | | | Bullock, Alexander H., | 1 | | |
| Barnard, F. A. P., | | | | Burnham, Leavitt, | 1 | | |
| Bellevue Hospital Medical College, <i>New York City</i> , | | | | Caldwell, Augustine, <i>Ipswich</i> , | | 1 | |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | 1 | | | Cambridge, City of, | 1 | | |
| Billings, John S., | 1 | | | Cambridge Public Library, | | 1 | |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | 1 | | | Chamberlain, W. E., Supt. of Providence & Worcester Railroad Company, | 1 | | |
| Boston, City of, | 7 | | | Chamberlin, H. H., | | 1 | |
| City Council, | 1 | | | Chapin, Mrs. Henry, | 5 | | |
| Committee on Printing, | 1 | | | Chelsea Public Library, | 1 | | |
| Public Schools, Board of Supervisors, <i>through Phineas Bates, Jr., Secretary</i> , 1 circular. | | | | Chicago Public Library, | | 1 | |
| | | | | Children's Hospital, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | |
| | | | | Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 | |
| | | | | Cincinnati Public Library, | 2 | 2 | |
| | | | | Civil Service Reform Association of Boston and Cambridge, 2 broadsides. | | | |
| | | | | Civil Service Reform Association, <i>New York</i> , | | 1 | |
| | | | | Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 8 | 8 | |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| Coit, Henry A., <i>Concord, N. H.</i> , College of the Holy Cross, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | 1 Georgetown, School Committee, Graham, A. J., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , 1 sheet, | 8 | | 1 Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 2 | |
| Concord Free Public Library, | | | Green, Samuel S., 2 sheets, 2 programmes, 2 circulars, 8 broad-sides, | 9 | 28 |
| Connecticut Courant, | | | 1 Greene, J. Evarts, 2 newspapers. | | |
| Connecticut Industrial School for Girls, | | | Gronlund, L. A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Crawford, J. B., | 1 | | 1 Hall, Harriet W., | 1 | |
| Cutter, C. A., <i>Boston</i> , | | | Hartford Library Association, | 5 | |
| Dartmouth College, <i>Hanover, N. H.</i> , | | | 1 Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., | 1 | |
| Davis, Andrew McF., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | 1 Hartwell, E. M., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | 1 | |
| Davis, Charles H., | | | Harvard University, | 2 | |
| Davis, Edward L., | 1 | | 1 Harvard University Medical School, | 1 | |
| Davis, Horace, | 1 | | Hill, Edwin H., 1 newspaper. | | |
| Davis, J. E., | 1 | | Hoar, George F., U. S. S., | 54 | 2 |
| Delaware Historical Society, | 1 | | Hourly Publishing Company, | | 11 |
| Dewhurst, George C., | 4 | | <i>Oxford</i> , | | |
| Dodge, Thomas H., | 1 | | Howland, Henry J., | 1 | |
| Doyal, Samuel H., | | | Hubbel, E. G., Curator and Librarian, <i>Pittsfield</i> , | | 1 |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 1 | | Illinois Industrial University, | | 1 |
| Dulwich College, <i>Eng.</i> , | 1 | | Incorporated Law Society of the United Kingdom, | 1 | |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | | 1 Institution of Civil Engineers, <i>London, England</i> , | 1 | |
| Easton, F. A., | 1 | | International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Eddy, Mrs. Mary B. Glover, | 2 | | Johns Hopkins University, | | 1 |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | 1 Kelley, Frank H., <i>Mayor</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Executive Committee on the Schurz Dinner, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Kimball, A. S., | 1 | |
| Fall River Public Library, | | | King, Moses, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 2 |
| Farrington, William H., 1 newspaper, | | | Ko, K. H., <i>China</i> , | 2 | |
| Fearing, Andrew C., Jr., Secretary Bunker Hill Monument Association, | 1 | | Lancaster, George Y., | 1 | |
| Fletcher Free Library, | | | Lancaster Town Library, | | 1 |
| Flint, Charles L., | 1 | | 2 Larned, J. N., Superintendent of Young Men's Library, <i>Buffalo</i> , | | 1 |
| Foster, W. E., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , 26 newspapers, | | | 2 Lawrence Public Library, | | 5 |
| Francis, George E., | 1 | | 8 Lawton, John F. P., | | 4 |
| Friends' Free Reading Room and Library, <i>Germanstown, Pa.</i> , | | | Leeds Public Library, | | 1 |
| Gannett, William C., <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | | Leicester Free Public Library, | | 2 |
| Gardiner, Frederick, Jr., 1 sheet. | | | 1 Library Association of Portland, <i>Oregon</i> , | 1 | |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 Library Company of Philadelphia, | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Lippincott, J. B. & Co., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> | | 1 |
| | | | Liverpool, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |

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| Lynn Public Library, | | | 1 New England Cotton Manufac- | | |
| McCalla & Stavely, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | turers' Association, | 1 | |
| Macleod, H. D., <i>Cambridge, Eng.</i> , | | | 1 New Jersey State Library, | 1 | |
| MacMullen, John, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 New York Free Circulating Li- | | 2 |
| Macullar, Parker & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | brary, | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>Eng.</i> , City of, | | | 1 Newton Free Library, | | |
| Manchester, N. H., City Library, | | | 1 Nicoletti, Alfred, 1 sheet. | | |
| Marshall, B. D., | 24 | | 1 Noake, John, <i>Alderman, Wor-</i> | 1 | |
| Marvin, A. P., <i>Lancaster</i> , | 1 | | cester, <i>Eng.</i> , | | |
| Maryland Historical Society, | 1 | | Noyes, Henry D. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, Board of Rail- | | | Ordway, Albert, <i>Washington,</i> | | |
| road Commissioners, | 1 | | <i>D. C.</i> , | | |
| Insurance Department, | 2 | | Palne, Nathaniel, | 2 | 4 |
| Secretary of the Common- | | | Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | | 1 |
| wealth, | 4 | | Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i> , | | 1 |
| State Board of Health, Luna- | | | Peabody Library, <i>Georgetown</i> , | | 3 |
| cy and Charity, <i>through F. B. Sanborn</i> , | 1 | | Pendleton, George H., U. S. S., | | 1 |
| State Bureau of Statistics of | | | Perkins Institution and Massa- | | |
| Labor, | 1 | | chusetts School for the | | 1 |
| State Library, | 2 | | Blind, | | 1 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, North- | | | Pierce, Edward A., 2 broadsides, | 2 | 1 |
| ampton, <i>through Fliny Earle</i> , | | | Pittsburgh Library Association, | | 1 |
| <i>Superintendent</i> , | | | 1 Plymouth, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public | | |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Wor-</i> | | | Library, | | 1 |
| <i>cester</i> , | | | Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | |
| May, Joseph, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 Portland Public Library, 1 news- | | |
| May, Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> , | | | paper. | | |
| Melrose Public Library, | | | 2 Pratt, Waldo S., | 1 | |
| Memorial Hall Library, <i>Andover</i> , | | | 1 Providence Athenæum, | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association, | | | 1 Providence Public Library, | 1 | 2 |
| <i>New York</i> , | | | 1 Public School Library, <i>Cleve-</i> | | |
| Mercantile Library Association, | | | <i>land, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| <i>77 E San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | Publishers of Alta California, | | |
| Merrill, Chester W., <i>Cincinnati,</i> | 1 | | <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| <i>Ohio</i> , | | | Publishers of the Daily Graphic, | | 1 |
| Merriam, Daniel, | | | 1 Publishers of Scientific Ameri- | | 2 |
| Millwaukee Public Library, | | | can, | | |
| Minnesota Historical Society, | | | Publishers of the Worcester | | |
| Moens, J. B., | 1 | | Daily Times, <i>Worcester,</i> | | |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | | <i>Eng.</i> , 1 newspaper. | | |
| Museum of Fine Arts, School of | | | 3 Quincy Public Library, | | 1 |
| Drawing and Painting, | | | Rice, W. W., M. C., | 61 | 1 |
| <i>71 Boston</i> , 2 sheets, | | | 1 Roffe, A. H. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| National Railway Publication | | | Ross, Denman W., | | 3 |
| Co., <i>New York</i> , 1 map. | | | St. Louis Mercantile Library | | |
| New Bedford Free Public Li- | | | Association, | | 1 |
| brary, | | | St. Louis Public School Library, | | 6 |
| New England Conservatory of | | | Salisbury, Stephen, Jr., | 2 | |
| Music, | | | San Francisco Free Public | | |
| | | | Library, 4 sheets, | 1 | 4 |
| | | | Sanborn, F. B., <i>Concord</i> , | 3 | 1 |
| | | | 1 Sanborn, J. W., | | 3 |

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| Sewall, J. B., | | 1 | Van Name, A., Librarian of | | |
| Sill, E. R., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | Yale College, | | 6 |
| Smart, James H., <i>Indianapolis, Ind.</i> , | 1 | | Wadleigh, R. H., | 1 | |
| Smith, Goldwin, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | | Washington and Lee University, | | 2 |
| Smith, H. M., | 2 | | <i>Lexington, Va.</i> , | | 1 |
| Smith, William A., 76 newspapers, 64 newspaper cuttings. | | | Watertown Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Smithsonian Institution, | 5 | | Wellesley College, | | 1 |
| Snow, Woodman & Co., | 1 | | Weston, Samuel B., | 1 | |
| Southbridge, Town of; | | | Wheeler, Leonard, | 2 | |
| Springfield City Library Association, | | 1 | Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 9 |
| Staples, Samuel E., | | 2 | Woburn Public Library, | | 2 |
| Stechert, Gustav E., <i>New York City</i> . | | 1 | Worcester, <i>Eng.</i> , Mayor, 4 newspapers. | | |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | Worcester Public Library and Hastings Museum, <i>Worcester, Eng.</i> , | 2 | |
| Stevens, Charles E., | 1 | | Worcester, City Clerk, | 2 | |
| Stone, Edwin M., | | 1 | Superintendent of Schools, | 10 | 18 |
| Swansea Public Library, <i>Swansea, Wales</i> , | | 1 | Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, | | 2 |
| Taunton Public Library, | 1 | | Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, Class of '81, | 1 | |
| Thayer, Adin, | | 1 | Worcester County Horticultural Society, | | 1 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree</i> , | | 1 | Worcester County Musical Association, <i>through A. C. Munroe</i> , | 1 | |
| Thurber, S., | | 1 | Worcester District Medical Society, | 1 | 1 |
| Toledo Public Library, | | 2 | Worcester Employment Society, | | 1 |
| Toronto Mechanics' Institute, | | 1 | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 2 |
| Tourgee, E., <i>Boston</i> , | | 8 | Wright, W. H. K., <i>Plymouth, Eng.</i> , 1 broadside, | | 1 |
| Tufts College, | | 15 | Yale College, | | 4 |
| United States, Attorney General, | 1 | | Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bureau of Education, 1 broadside, | 2 | | Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York</i> ., | 1 | |
| Chief of Engineers, | 4 | | Young Men's Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Chief of Ordnance, | 1 | | Young Men's Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| Chief of Signal Office, | 1 | | | | |
| Department of the Interior, | 51 | | | | |
| Department of State, | 4 | | | | |
| Department of the Treasury, | 1 | | | | |
| Life-Saving Service, | 1 | | | | |
| Naval Observatory, | 3 | | | | |
| Post-Office Department, | 1 | | | | |
| University of Minnesota, | | | | | |
| <i>Minneapolis</i> , | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | 376 | 399 |

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

GENTLEMEN :—The Library Committee have held, during the year past, eleven meetings. They have recommended for purchase 2,701 volumes ; 471 for the Green Library, and 2,230 for the Circulating and Intermediate departments. The carefully prepared tabular statement appended to the Librarian's report leaves nothing of statistical importance unrecorded. The Committee can but repeat the favorable opinion expressed in former years, as to the character of the work done by the Librarian and his assistants.

That the Free Public Library of Worcester enjoys to-day an enviable distinction among institutions of its class, is due in part to the liberal outlay made for it in former years, and in part to the excellence of the administrative methods now in use. Generous support and a wise management can alone guarantee a future comparable with the past.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Reading Room reports that during the year but few changes have been made in the list of periodicals subscribed for. These result mainly from additions and not by reason of substitution.

It will be noticed from the appended list, that among the principal additions are the the Bankers' Magazine, and Public, two leading financial journals.

In a careful examination of the newspapers taken at our library, your Committee was impressed with the fact, that while the leading ones of the Northern, Middle and Western States are provided, only one from the Southern States is furnished. The Committee believes that, if the funds at its disposal would allow, the addition of a few of the principal newspapers of those States would serve a valuable purpose, in affording ampler knowledge of the increasing development of the South, of the habits and disposition of its people, and the tone of political discussion.

The Reading Room is now supplied with four English newspapers, none of which are published daily. One or more of the great London dailies would be a profitable and welcome addition to our list.

An increased appropriation for the library by the city, would enable the Directors to place at the disposal of this Committee a sum sufficient for these purposes. We should then possess the leading magazines, newspapers and other periodicals of the United States and England.

For the Committee,

F. A. GASKILL, *Chairman.*
WM. DICKINSON.

Worcester, *Dec.* 20, 1881.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING
THE YEAR.

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| Bankers' Magazine. | Monthly Reference Lists of Providence Public Library. |
| Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club. | Public. |
| Le Français. | |
| Harvard Lampoon. | |
| Journal of Comparative Medicine and Surgery. | |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.
PUBLICATION STOPPED.

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| American Art Review. | Good Company. |
| American Entomologist. | Harvard Register. |
| Dwight's Journal of Music. | University Magazine. |
| Examiner. | |

GIFTS TO THE READING ROOM.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| American Gas Light Journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American Journal of Education, | J. B. Merwin, Editor. |
| American Machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| *American Manufacturer and Iron World, | Jackson Bailey, Corresponding Editor. |
| Berrow's Worcester Journal, | Charles H. Birbeck, Proprietor. |
| †Book Buyer, | Publishers. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Christian Leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian Register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| *College Record, | Editors. |
| Congressional Record, | W. W. Rice. |
| Courier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Cultivator and Country Gentleman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Donahoe's Magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Company. |
| Fometic Techer, | Editor. |
| Freidenker, | Publishers. |
| *Good Health, | Eliza Thayer. |
| *Good Literature, | W. H. Fish. |
| Index, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| *Kindergarten Messenger and the New Education, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |

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| Maine Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Missionary Herald, | Publishers. |
| Monthly Notes of the Library Association of the United Kingdom. | |
| Musical Herald, | S. S. Green. |
| *National View, | Publishers. |
| New England Farmer, | A. B. Brown. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | Publishers. |
| Our Dumb Animals, | United States Patent Office. |
| Platonist, | Publishers. |
| Public Ledger, | Publishers. |
| *Railway Age, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| Sändebudet, | Estate of D. Waldo Lincoln. |
| Sanitary Engineer, | Albert F. Ericson. |
| Signs of the Times, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Southern Workman, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Sunday Herald. | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Travailleur, | Anonymous. |
| Tuftsian, | Publishers. |
| Unitarian Review and Religious Magazine, | Tufts College. |
| Universalist Quarterly, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Ward's Natural Science Bulletin, | S. D. Harding. |
| Watchman, | Publishers. |
| Woman's Journal, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Daily Spy, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| Worcester Daily Times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Evening Gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's Crisis, | Publishers. |
| Zion's Herald, | Unknown. |

*Discontinued.

†Publication stopped.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Building report that, generally speaking, the library building is in good order, but that money will soon have to be spent in renewing the timbers and floors in the northern portion of the basement, and in laying new floors in the first story. They think it desirable that when the latter piece of work is undertaken, the floor of the hall connected with the main entrance should be tiled instead of being renewed with a flooring of wood, it being a thoroughfare for all persons who enter either the circulating or reference departments of the library, and constantly in use. The cost of tiling the hall floor and laying floors of wood in the portions of the first floor, where they are imperatively demanded, would be about \$500.

During the past year, Dr. Gage's bill for one-half the expense of laying a wall and erecting a fence between his lot and that of the city has been paid, the pipes bringing water from the roof have been repaired and renewed, a new entrance has been made into the sewer for the disposal of this water, other repairs have been made, and furniture, brushes, &c., bought, at a total expense of \$351.77. This amount exceeds somewhat the sum which it was estimated, at the beginning of the year, would be large enough to keep the building in repair and pay certain other current expenses that have to be incurred by this Committee; but it is apparent that unforeseen expenditures will, almost every year, have to be made in keeping in order a building of the age of the one under our care. The Committee therefore does not

consider it safe to ask for less than \$350, to be used during the present year.

Other expenditures have been made as follows :

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| Coal and wood, | \$370 12 |
| Gas, | 780 10 |
| Water, | 81 29 |
| Insurance of boiler, | 25 00 |

Estimates of sums needed the current year are as follows :

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| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, &c., | \$350 00 |
| Coal and wood, | 380 00 |
| Gas, | 800 00 |
| Water, | 80 00 |
| Insurance of boiler, | 25 00 |
| Shelving, | 50 00 |

These estimates have been submitted to the Finance Committee and approved by them, and will be submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration at the present meeting.

SAMUEL D. HARDING.
WM. DICKINSON.
S. A. PORTER.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

Your committee on finance submit herewith the financial statements of the Free Public Library and the Green Library Fund. The expenditures from the city appropriation have been made with scrupulous economy, so that, notwithstanding some unforeseen wants, they have in but few cases equalled the estimates presented at the beginning of the year, and the amount designed for the purchase of books has been wholly devoted to that purpose. The amount available for books is, of course, the sum remaining after the indispensable demands for current expenses have been satisfied. Economy in other directions therefore, directly increases the literary resources of the library. The services of the Librarian, as an exact, vigilant and prudent administrator, are in the judgment of the committee scarcely, if at all, less conspicuous and valuable than his success in making the treasures of the library available for the public use.

The statement of the Green Library Fund shows an increase in the amount invested in mortgage securities and a decrease in the bank stocks. This change in the investments was made in accordance with the unanimous judgment of the committee. The amount deposited in savings banks, awaiting an opportunity for investment in accordance with the directions of the founder, is now smaller than it has been for many years.

The committee desire to express their sense of obligation to William S. Barton, Esq., the City Treasurer and custodian of the Green Library Fund, for the precision and clearness of his accounts and financial statements, and the admirable method with which all the business of this fund is conducted. By his skill and fidelity the work of the committee has been made as easy and agreeable as it could be.

J. EVARTS GREENE,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,

Finance Committee.

WORCESTER, Dec. 19, 1881.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending November 30, 1881.

[RESOURCES.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| City appropriation, | \$10,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 2,595 49 |
| Fines and miscellaneous receipts at library, | 428 95 |
| | <hr/> \$18,019 44 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Books, | \$2,987 71 |
| Binding, | 762 89 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 107 58 |
| Other printing and changing slips, | 148 89 |
| Freight, postage, expressage, &c., | 282 21 |
| Stationery and paper for covering books, | 68 01 |
| Postal cards, | 60 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 25 50 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, &c., | 351 77 |
| Coal and wood, | 370 12 |
| Gas, | 780 10 |
| Water, | 81 29 |
| Salary of Librarian, | 2,500 00 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 8,016 88 |
| Wages of Janitor and Messenger, | 416 67 |
| Additional library service, | 680 16 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Cataloguing, | 874 21 |
| | <hr/> \$12,982 89 |
| Balance to sinking fund, | 86 55 |
| | <hr/> \$18,019 44 |

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| J. EVARTS GREENE, | } Finance Committee. |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | |
| L. W. HAMMOND, | |

WORCESTER, Dec. 20th, 1881.

THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1881, is as follows :

| | |
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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,619 83 |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 499 00 |
| Premium on bank stock sold, | 505 00 |
| Bank tax refunded by commissioners, | 156 84 |
| Dividends on savings bank deposits, | 22 80 |
| Interest on national bank deposits, | 28 40 |
| | <hr/> \$2,826 87 |

One-fourth part of the income, \$706.59, has been added to the fund. The remaining three-fourths, \$2,119.78, are subject to expenditures for books, etc., in accordance with the terms of the will of Dr. Green.

STATEMENT OF THE FUND.

| | Nov. 30, 1880. | Nov. 30, 1881. |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$28,601 00 | \$31,451 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 9,300 00 | 7,300 00 |
| Deposits in savings banks, | 707 48 | 564 02 |
| | <hr/> \$38,608 48 | <hr/> \$39,315 02 |

STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

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| Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1880, | \$1,721 56 | |
| Three-fourths income added during the year, | 2,119 78 | |
| Interest on bank deposits, book account, | 25 62 | |
| | <hr/> \$3,866 96 | |
| Expended for books, | | 2,286 97 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance in City Treasury, Nov. 30, 1881, | | \$1,629 99 |

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| J. EVARTS GREENE, SAMUEL D. NYE, L. W. HAMMOND, | } | Finance Committee. |
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING ROOM FUND.

Nathaniel Paine, Treasurer, in account with the Reading Room Fund of the Free Public Library :

| | | |
|---------------|--|------------------|
| 1880. | Dr. | |
| Dec. 1. | Balance of cash as per last report, | \$565 30 |
| 1881. | | |
| Dec. 1. | To interest on City bonds to date, | 300 00 |
| " | " " Mortgage notes, | 196 16 |
| " | " " U. S. Bonds, | 21 50 |
| " | To premium on bonds sold, | 17 75 |
| " | To abatement on newspapers discontinued, | 2 45 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,103 16 |
| 1881. | Cr. | |
| Dec. 1. | By cash for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals to date, | \$577 97 |
| | Postage, | 2 20 |
| | Appropriated to invested fund, | 50 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$680 17 |
| 1881, Dec. 1. | Balance of cash, | 472 99 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,103 16 |

The Reading Room Fund is invested as follows :

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| City of Worcester bonds, | \$5,000 00 |
| Mortgage notes, | 5,000 00 |
| United States four per cent. bond, | 500 00 |
| Cash, | 200 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of fund, | \$10,700 00 |
| Respectfully submitted, | |

NATH'L PAINE, *Treasurer.*

WORCESTER, Dec. 20, 1881.

The undersigned have examined the vouchers and securities in the hands of the treasurer, and find his accounts and statements correct.

SAMUEL D. NYE,

L. W. HAMMOND,

Of the Finance Committee.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

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WORCESTER, MASS.,

OR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1882.



WORCESTER:
PRESS OF CHARLES HAMILTON,
311 MAIN STREET,
1883.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1882.

WORCESTER :
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1883.

DIRECTORS IN 1883.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | SAMUEL D. HARDING, | Dec. 31, 1883. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | WILLIAM DICKINSON, | " 1884. |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | CLARENDON HARRIS, | " 1885. |
| SAMUEL A. PORTER, | ALBERT WOOD, | " 1886. |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | " 1887. |
| CHARLES M. LAMSON, | JAMES E. ESTABROOK, | " 1888. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.
FRANCIS H. DEWEY.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.
JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

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ALBERT WOOD, JONAS G. CLARK, CHARLES M. LAMSON.

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WILLIAM DICKINSON, T. J. CONATY, JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.
SAMUEL D. HARDING, WM. DICKINSON, SAMUEL A. PORTER.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
FRANCIS H. DEWEY, SAMUEL D. NYE, JONAS G. CLARK.

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.
SARAH F. EARLE, LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER,
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WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Hon. E. B. Stoddard, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Worcester :

The Directors of the Free Public Library have the honor to submit their twenty-third annual report.

The reports of the four standing committees of the board, together with the report of the Librarian, and that of the Treasurer of the Reading-Room Fund, are also transmitted.

From these documents a just judgment can be formed as to the manner in which the affairs of the Library have been administered during the past twelve months.

The coming year will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the incorporation by act of the Legislature, of the Young Men's Library Association of Worcester, an institution of which the Free Public Library may be said to be the successor and legatee. In its first annual report the Library Association stated that there were upon its shelves seventeen hundred and sixty-two volumes, about one-half of which had been acquired by purchase, and one-half by gift. Since 1860, the year in which the Library Association, owing to the well-remembered act of Dr. Green, was merged in the then newly created Free Public Library, the last named institution has enjoyed the two-fold advantage of an endowment and an annual grant from the public treasury.

To-day the number of bound volumes catalogued and reported is fifty-five thousand seven hundred and fifty-two. This is not a bad showing for only thirty years of accumulative effort; especially when it is remembered that for at least a third part of

the period covered, the country was in a condition by no means favorable to the furtherance of such work as libraries undertake.

What the facts show is that the attitude of the City Government towards the Free Public Library has been, taking all things into account, a most generous and large-minded one, and the Directors are of opinion that they can ask of your honorable body nothing better than that the same enlightened liberality which has marked your provision for this important interest in years past, should be recognized as a settled feature of the city's administrative policy.

More and more generally, year by year, throughout the country, the educational value of free libraries is coming to be acknowledged; and it is an honor of which Worcester has reason to be proud, that she was among the first of the municipalities to share in the discovery.

In truth, the public library is but a more recent growth from the same root that first bore the public school. Both institutions have their origin in the conviction that a self-governed community, if it is to remain free, must be self-taught.

But at just what point shall the instruction given at public expense touch its outer limit and cease? This has been recognized, from the beginning, as one of the most difficult of the questions that emerge in connection with popular education. In some parts of the country it has been argued that the State University is the natural and logical supplement to the common schools of the towns; and that a youth has as much right to expect secondary as to demand primary education at the hands of the Commonwealth. Massachusetts has never favored this notion,—certainly not of late years; but, instead, has gone on, whether under the guidance of a conscious purpose, or by a happy, though unconscious inspiration, we need not ask, to create the true people's university in the establishment of the Free Public Library. It is the peculiar felicity of this mode of solving the problem, that by adopting it we avoid the most formidable of all the arguments waged against furnishing the higher education at the public expense, namely: the plea that to single

out a few young men, or young women, with natural endowments exceptionally good, and to give them special advantages of training at the cost of the tax-payer, is unfair. The higher education to which the Free Public Library invites a community is obnoxious to no such cavil. It offers to all a fair field and no favor. If, among those whom the public schools have graduated, there are any whose minds are more than ordinarily good, here is the opportunity for making them better in a way of which no one has the right to be jealous. There is no partiality, no discrimination. A more thoroughly democratic device for giving even chances to all, and special privileges to none, could not be imagined. And it is quite conceivable that, here in Worcester, many a youth who devotes a fair share of his leisure, out of working hours, to self-improvement within the walls of the Library may, at forty, be able to show himself a better taught man than many another who in earlier life enjoyed, at no little outlay of time and money, the advantages of a university education. This view of the matter ought especially to commend itself to the authorities of a manufacturing city. With the universal use of labor-saving machinery is sure to come, sooner or later, a marked decrease in the amount of time that goes to make up a day's work. How these reclaimed hours are destined to be spent is one of the most anxious questions the public mind can ask itself when looking into the future. It would be foolish to expect all of them, or even the greater number of them, to be given to books and reading, but whether the fractional portion of time so devoted is to be greater or less, will largely depend upon the measure of attractiveness with which the city is willing to clothe its library. Already the institution has proved itself a great public educator, to an extent which could scarcely have been anticipated. "We trust," wrote Mr. Hoar in 1867, speaking in behalf of the Board of Directors, "We trust the time will come when the means at the disposal of the directors will be such that there will be no book to which any citizen really and earnestly desires access, which will not be supplied in one or other of the departments of the Library."

It may be said, without boasting, but cannot be said without thanks, that the day thus happily predicted has fully come. It has now been for some time the settled usage of the Library to supply to readers, with the least possible delay, whatever works they may really need for the purposes of serious inquiry. For a city so dependent as ours must necessarily be on the intelligence of its people, in competition with rivals more advantageously situated with respect to tide-water and fuel, the value of such a reservoir of intellectual power as the Free Public Library can scarcely be overstated.

The fact that great pains are taken in our Worcester Library to further the efforts of those who come in search of definite information upon special topics wonderfully enhances the value of the books themselves, and adds weight to what has been said about the educational value of the institution.

At Oxford, a few weeks ago, at a meeting held to devise some suitable memorial of an eminent member of the University, lately deceased, it was decided that the very best thing to do would be to found a library, and in connection with it to provide an ample endowment for the maintenance of certain educated librarians, whose duty it should be personally to assist students in their investigations. The English are always fond of finding a precedent for whatever they do; and, in this instance, they discovered one in the case of the Ambrosian Library at Milan, which is, it seems, provided with a staff of librarians trained to aid readers. Had they looked westward instead of eastward in their search, these friends of good learning might have seen in the United States more than one instance of a library in which just such work as they had in mind is done to-day.

It will be observed with satisfaction, from the tabular statements contained in the Librarian's report, that there has been a steady growth for twelve years in the use of the Green Library for purposes of reference. His statistics are almost startling, — forty-eight thousand eight hundred and eighty times the books, he tells us, have been consulted this year. Mr. Poole puts on the title-page of the new edition of his *Index to Periodical Literature*, a Latin motto to the effect that to know where a bit

of information is to be found is the next best thing to having it actually in possession. It is plain from the Librarian's figures just quoted, that our citizens are growing to feel that they have in the Library building a resort as valuable to the community as the open dictionary to the family, a common and undisputed court of appeal.

The Directors invite your special attention to what is said in the Librarian's report with reference to the new catalogue now in process of publication, and to the recommendation of the Committee on the Building, that a new floor be laid in those portions of the second story most exposed to wear.

In the words of commendation which Mr. Gaskill, speaking for the Committee on the Library, bestows on the Librarian and his assistants, for faithful service rendered, the Directors heartily concur.

It may be proper to mention, as a matter of historical interest, the pleasant interchange of courtesies, which, not for the first time, took place this year between the municipal authorities of the English Worcester and this Board. Through the instrumentality of Alderman Willis, who visited us in the autumn of 1881, a very valuable, because almost unique collection of books relating to the topography and antiquities of Worcester, was forwarded to us in June.

The gift was duly acknowledged and the thanks of the Board returned to the givers.

It is by dint of just such kindly and unostentatious manifestations of good-will as these that old-time alienations are forgotten, and national friendships cemented.

In behalf of the Directors.

WILLIAM R. HUNTINGTON,

President.

Worcester, *December 26, 1882.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To Rev. William R. Huntington, D. D., President of the Board
of Directors of The Free Public Library.*

I herewith present the twenty-third annual report of the librarian. It is the twelfth which I have prepared.

Following, will be found the tables usually contained in this report. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library for the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

The most noticeable feature of the work of the year has been the large increase in the use of the books in the reference department for purposes of consultation.

The number of volumes used here the past year is 48,846 as against 43,414 used in the previous year.

These books have been desired almost exclusively for serious purposes and represent a large amount of investigation by persons of all ages.

It may be safely said, I think, that in amount and variety the work done here in the reference department of the library is unique.

It is desirable to note occasionally the increase in the use of this department. Twelve years ago it was not used at all. The figures which represent its use during the last twelve years are as follows: 7,321, 12,408, 15,672, 20,550, 22,833, 27,694,



27,694, 30,079, 34,311, 40,866, 43,414, 48,846. In making a comparison between the record of the year now reported on and that of the earlier years, in which present plans were used, it should be borne in mind that there has not only been a large increase in the number of volumes used in the reference department from year to year but that the character of the books used has changed.

Whereas when the new plans were adopted we had room enough to give out large numbers of volumes of illustrated papers and stories to be examined within the building, now we have to restrict users of the reference department to an almost exclusive use of books needed for study and serious reading.

The increase in the use of the reference department is intimately connected with the growth in the use of our library for purposes of consultation by teachers and pupils of the public and private schools and higher institutions of learning in which Worcester abounds.

For an account of improved methods of study introduced into the High School lately which have operated in adding to the use of the reference library I would refer readers to a paper read by me at a meeting of the American Library Association held in Cincinnati last May. The paper was published in a subsequent number of the Library Journal. I had a number of extra copies of the paper struck off and shall be happy to give them to persons who are interested in knowing about the school work which we are doing.

The entire circulation of the library for the past year has been 165,834 volumes, divided as follows: Circulating department, 114,845, Reference department 48,846, Sunday use 2,143.

The use of the Circulating department has increased during the year, but, as stated above, the marked increase has been, as usual, in the reference department. We can carry up the aggregate of books given out in the circulating department to any desired number by lowering the standard of books circulated. It has been the aim of the management of the library, however, not only to keep up the high standard already attained in literature hitherto circulated but also to raise the standard as rapidly

as the community would allow. Steps in this direction even more radical than those already taken will be adopted towards the close of the current year.

There has been an increase in the number of persons using the reading-rooms on Sunday during the past year as in every previous year since they have been open to the public.

The whole number of volumes now in the library is 55,752.

A list of givers is appended to this report. The library is much indebted to its friends.

Our thanks are due in this as in former years to The Boston Athenæum, Harvard College Library, Yale College Library, the library of the Surgeon General's office, United States Army, and other institutions, for kindness in lending us books.

The Catalogues of books which circulate would have been nearly ready for the press at the present time had it not been for the protracted illness of the head of the cataloguing department. As it is, we have reached the work of final revision and Miss Earle is confident this will be finished by the first of April, when plans have been made to go at once to press. If the city makes the needed appropriation, and I presume there is no doubt that it will after consideration of the importance to citizens of a printed catalogue to books which can be taken to their homes, we expect to issue the latter part of this year a complete catalogue of all such books. The magnitude of the work needed in preparing this catalogue for the press will be realized when it is stated that the catalogue of 1870 was so poorly made that all the books in it had to be re-catalogued and that the new catalogue, it is estimated, will make an octavo volume of 1,240 pages. It is expected that the catalogue when issued will contain the record of books added to the library up to the day of going to press, that is to say, up to about April 1st, and it is hoped that when it is issued it will not be more than six months old. This would be an excellent showing. The paper for the catalogue has been paid for out of the last year's appropriation and the next city government will only be asked for money enough to print the whole edition of 3,000 copies and to bind enough copies to supply the first demand for the work, say, 1,000 copies.

The catalogue will be made on improved principles and, it is believed, will be found very useful. Great care has been taken to make it rich in subject entries.

I wish to repeat the statement made in last year's report of the Building Committee that the floors of the Green Library room and the Hall, and portions of the floor of the circulating department are worn out. It is to be hoped that the city government will be able to appropriate such a sum of money as will be sufficient to pay for their renewal.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Board of Directors in behalf of the executive officers of the library for their kindness during the past and previous years and to reciprocate the expressions of respect and confidence which have marked their intercourse with the librarian and his assistants.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, &c., with a copy of the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee who have examined it:

City of Worcester, Free Public Library, Dec. 19th, 1882.

We have examined the librarian's account from December 1st, 1881, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows:

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| Cash balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1st, 1881, | \$106 48 | |
| Received for fines, from the sale of catalogues and miscellaneous sources, | 448 18 | |
| | <hr/> | \$549 61 |
| Paid in return of temporary deposits, &c., | \$ 24 50 | |
| “ Lewis W. Hammond, treasurer, | 394 84 | |
| | <hr/> | \$419 34 |
| Balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1st, 1882, | \$130 27 | |
| | <hr/> | \$549 61 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,
SAM'L D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,

*Finance Committee, Directors of Free
Public Library.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
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| Municipal appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,784 80 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 580 50 |
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| | \$2,315 80 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 2,676 87 |
| " " fines, | 375 49 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 15 79 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 1 77 |
| Sale of condemned books, | 1 86 |
| Sundries, | 23 77 |
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| Total, | \$17,410 85 |
| Cash on hand at last report : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,629 99 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 472 99 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 106 43 |
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| | \$2,209 41 |
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| | \$19,619 76 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

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| Books : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,670 85 |
| City appropriation, | 3,884 55 |
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| | \$5,004 90 |
| Periodicals : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$94 50 |
| City appropriation, | 74 41 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 740 95 |
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| | \$909 86 |
| Binding, | 781 36 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

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| Repairs and additions, | \$244 92 |
| Furniture and fixtures, | 80 35 |
| Insurance, | 302 50 |
| Fuel, | 299 05 |
| Lights, | 892 84 |
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| | \$8,465 78 |

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SALARY ACCOUNT.

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| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,317 50 |
| Cataloguing, | 964 97 |
| Extra service, | 809 89 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

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| Printing catalogues, | \$1,328 31 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 147 79 |
| Postage, | 129 68 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 65 28 |
| Sundries, | 347 21 |

\$17,571 41

Cash on hand, December 1, 1882:

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| Green Library Fund, | \$1,599 94 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 810 30 |
| Money received for fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 180 27 |
| Municipal appropriation (transferred to the sinking fund), | 7 84 |
| | <u>\$2,048 35</u> |
| | <u>\$19,619 76</u> |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Green Library, | 386 |
| Intermediate department, | 463 |
| Circulating department, | 1,672 |
| | <u>2,528</u> |

Increase of volumes by gifts:

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| Green Library, | 1 |
| Intermediate department, | 382 |
| Circulating department, | 41 |
| | <u>424</u> |

Increase of volumes by binding pamphlets:

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| Intermediate department, | 6 |
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Increase of volumes by binding periodicals:

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| Green Library, | 66 |
| Intermediate department, | 175 |
| Circulating department, | 10 |
| | <u>251</u> |

Increase by placing unbound volumes of periodicals in the library:

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| Green Library, | 4 |
| Intermediate department, | 10 |
| | <u>14</u> |

Number of missing volumes restored since last report:

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| Circulating department, | 1 |
| | <u>3,219</u> |

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| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 7 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>238</u> | |
| | | 245 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | | <u>18</u> |
| | | 263 |
| | | <u>2,956</u> |
| Net increase for the year, | | |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported : | | |
| Green Library, | 20,109 | |
| Intermediate department, | 11,161 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>21,526</u> | |
| | | 53,796 |
| | | <u>55,752</u> |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Green Library, | 5 | |
| Intermediate department, | <u>81</u> | |
| | | 36 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | |
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Intermediate department, | <u>440</u> | |
| | | 441 |
| | | <u>477</u> |
| Total increase for the year, | | |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund, | | 92 |
| Number of newspapers given to the reading-room, | | 40 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room Fund, | 72 | |
| Green Library Fund, | 11 | |
| City funds, | <u>18</u> | |
| | | 101 |
| Number of magazines given to the reading-room, | | 10 |

CIRCULATION.

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| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 308 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 360 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 114,845 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 48,846 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 378. Reference department, 159), | 531 |

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| Largest daily use (home and reference), January 18, | 1,261 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, March 11, 886 volumes; in Reference department, January 18, 844 volumes.) | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), July 25, | 210 |
| (Smallest in Circulating department, Sept. 7 and 11, 147 volumes; in Reference department, August 5, 14 volumes.) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 4 |
| Number of books lost, and not paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 14 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn: | |
| Intermediate department, | 7 |
| Circulating department, | 238 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 4,930 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,081 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,698 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1873), | 21,768 |

SUNDAY USE.

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| The reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,872 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 10,074 |
| Total number, | 14,946 |
| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 287 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, February 19, | 428 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, August 6, | 118 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 2,143 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 41 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|--|--------|-----------|---|--------|-----------|
| Adams, Charles F., 1 sheet, | | 2 | Beach, S. C., | 1 | 1 |
| Agassiz, A., Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, | | 8 | Bigelow Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Allen, Charles H., | | 1 | Clinton, | | 1 |
| Allen, Edward G., London, Eng., 2 | 2 | 2 | Birmingham Free Libraries, | | |
| Allen, J. H., Cambridge, 1 calendar, | | 1 | Bliss, E. F., Cincinnati, O., | 1 | |
| Allen, William F., Madison, Wis., | | 1 | Boston, City of, | 1 | |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | 1 | City Council, | 5 | |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | 1 | 10 | City Council, through the Mayor, | 7 | 2 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 1 | 7 | Boston Athenæum, | 1 | |
| American Iron and Steel Association, | 1 | | Boston Public Library, | 1 | 4 |
| American Social Science Association, through Mrs. Emily Talbot, | 1 | | Boston University, | 2 | 2 |
| American Unitarian Association, | 8 | | Bowdoin College, | | 1 |
| Amherst College Library, | | | Bradlee, C. D., Boston, 1 sheet. | | |
| Anagnos, M., South Boston, | | | Brazilian Centennial Commission, Philadelphia, 1 map. | | |
| Anglim, James & Co., Washington, D. C., | | | Bridgeport Public Library and Reading Room, | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 3 newspapers, 4 sheets, specimen sheet and plate, 1 card, | 9 | 27 | Brookline Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Anonymous, through Appleton & Co., | 1 | | Brooklyn Library, 1 sheet, | | 1 |
| Appleton, Francis H., | | | Brown, A. B., | 4 | |
| Apprentices' Library, New York City, | 1 | | Brown, Sylvester, | | 1 |
| Archæological Institute of America, | 1 | | Brown University, | | 1 |
| Arundel Society. | | | Bureau de la Revue des deux Mondes, | | 1 |
| Astor Library, New York City, | | | Byington, E. H., Monson, | | 1 |
| Baker, Mrs. F. M., 1 sheet. | | | Cambridge Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bank of North America, Philadelphia, | 1 | | Chadwick, James R., | 2 | 1 |
| Barnes, A. S. & Co., New York City, | 1 | | Chamberlain, W. E., | 3 | |
| Barton, Wm. S., | 88 | | Chaney, George L., | 1 | 1 |
| Bassett, H. F., Waterbury, Ct., | | 3 | Chapin, Louisa T., | 1 | |
| | | | Chicago Public Library, | | 1 |
| | | | Childs, George W., Philadelphia, Pa., | | 1 |
| | | | Cincinnati Public Library, | 2 | 1 |
| | | | Civil Service Reform Association, New York, 1 tract, | | 2 |
| | | | Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, O., | 1 | |
| | | | Cobden Club, London, Eng., | 7 | |
| | | | Collet, C. D., London, Eng., 1 folded sheet, | 10 | 41 |
| | | | Concord Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| | | | Concord (N. H.) Public Library, | | 1 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, | | 1 | Hall Edward W., <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | 1 | |
| Cornell University, | 1 | 8 | Hallam, John, <i>Toronto</i> , | | 1 |
| Cox, William R., M. C., 1 card, | | 1 | Hammond, Lewis W., | 1 | 1 |
| Crothers, T. D., | | 1 | Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, | | 1 |
| Cutter, C. A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 1 | Harlan, Caleb, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | 1 | |
| Dalton, J. G., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Harris, Clarendon, | 19 | 2 |
| Dartmouth College, <i>Hanover, N. H.</i> , | | 1 | Hartford Library Association, | | 2 |
| Davis, Andrew McF., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., | 1 | |
| Delaware Historical Society, | 1 | | Harvard University, | | 1 |
| Detroit Public Library, | 1 | | Harvard University, <i>through Justin Winsor</i> , | | 2 |
| Dewey, F. H., | 14 | 10 | Hathorne, Wm. H., 1 circular. | | |
| Dewhurst, George C., | 1 | | Heywood, E. H., | | 1 |
| Dexter, George, | | 1 | Hibbert, James, <i>Preston, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Dexter, Julius, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 2 | | Hoar, George F., <i>U. S. S.</i> , 1 card, | 14 | 12 |
| Dimmock, George, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | | Holland, Frederic May, | 2 | |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 1 | | Howard University, | | 1 |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | | Howland, Henry J., | 5 | |
| Everett, Richard J., | 1 | | Hoyt, A. H., 1 sheet. | | |
| Fisk & Hatch, <i>New York</i> , | 1 | | Hunt, R. Sterry, <i>Montreal</i> , | | 2 |
| Fitch, Fannie E., 1 sheet. | | | Huntington, William R., | 2 | 1 |
| Fletcher Free Library, | | | Incorporated Law Society of the United Kingdom, | 1 | |
| Foster W. E., | 1 | | Indianapolis Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Fox, George W., <i>Boston</i> , | | | International Committee Young Men's Christian Association, | | 1 |
| Francis, George E., | 2 | | Jameson, James F., | | 1 |
| Friends Free Reading Room and Library, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | | 2 | Jenkins, E. M., <i>New York</i> , | | 1 |
| Frothingham, J. E., 1 sheet. | | | Johns Hopkins University, | | 3 |
| Galvin, Edwin I., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 | King, Moses. <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 3 |
| Gardiner, James T., | 1 | | Kingsbury, F. J., 2 maps. | | |
| Gaskill, Francis A., | 1 | | Koehler, S. R., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | | Lancaster Town Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Georgetown, Town of, | | | Lawrence Free Public Library. | | 2 |
| Gerard, W. R., | | | Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New York</i> , | | 3 |
| Gilbert, Frank, | 1 | | Leeds Public Library, | | 1 |
| Gold, T. S., Secretary Connecticut Board of Agriculture, | 3 | | Lehmann, T., | | 2 |
| Gorham Manufacturing Co., | 1 | | Leicester Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Gould, George, <i>Bermondsey, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | Leypoldt, Frederick, | 1 | 1 |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 4 | 5 | Library Company of Philadelphia, | 1 | |
| Green, Samuel S., 1 paper, 2 sheets, | 1 | 21 | Lincoln, Edward W., | 1 | 1 |
| Green's Son, S. W., <i>New York</i> , | | 1 | Lincoln, Marvin, Auditor, <i>Mal-den</i> , | | 1 |
| Grinnell, J. B., | 1 | | Lincoln, Robert S., Secretary of War, | 1 | |
| Hall, Edward H., | 18 | 1 | | | |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Linderfelt, K. A., Librarian Public Library, Milwaukee, | 1 | | Monson Free Library and Read- ing Room Association, | | 1 |
| Liverpool, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | Morley, Frederick, | 1 | |
| Locker, Frederick, <i>London</i> , | 1 | | 1 Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | 1 |
| Long Island Historical So- ciety, | 1 | 1 | Museum of Fine Arts, School of Drawing and Painting, | | 1 |
| Lowell City Library, | | | <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Lynn Public Library, | | | 2 Nagle, John F., <i>New York</i> , | | 2 |
| McAllister, William Y., | | | 1 National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | 1 | |
| McCalla & Staveley, | | | 1 New Bedford Free Public Li- brary, | | 1 |
| McGovern, John, | 1 | | 2 New Haven Young Men's Insti- tute, | | 1 |
| Macullar and Son, | | | 1 New Jersey State Library, | 3 | |
| Manchester, <i>Eng.</i> , City of, | | | 1 New York State Library, | 2 | |
| Manchester, N. H., City Li- brary, | | | 4 Newburyport Public Library, | | 2 |
| Marble, Albert P., | | | Newton Free Library, | | 1 |
| Marshall, B. D., | 1 | | Nicoletti, Alfred, | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, Adjutant Gen- eral's Office, | 1 | | Noake, <i>Mrs.</i> , <i>Worcester, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Board of Education, | 8 | | Noake, John, <i>Worcester, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Board of Railroad Commis- sioners, | 1 | | Northborough Free Library, | | 1 |
| Bureau of Statistics of Labor, | 4 | | Northrop, B. G., <i>Clinton, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Secretary of the Common- wealth, | 5 | | Noyes Henry D. & Co., <i>Boston</i> . | | 1 |
| State of, | 5 | | Ohio Mechanics' Institute, | | 3 |
| State Board of Health, | 1 | | Otis, B. F., <i>Newton</i> , | 1 | |
| State Board of Health, Lu- nacy, and Charity, | 2 | | Paine Nathaniel, | | 2 |
| State Library, | 1 | 2 | Panin, Ivan, <i>Cambridge</i> , 1 Broad- side, | | 1 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>North- ampton</i> , | | | Parker, John Henry, <i>Oxford</i> , 1 map, | | |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Wor- cester</i> , | | | Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | | 1 |
| State Normal School, <i>Wor- cester</i> , | | | 1 Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, | | | Peabody Library, <i>Georgetown</i> , | | 1 |
| Maxwell, <i>Mrs.</i> S. B., | 1 | | 1 Peaslee, John B., Superin- tendent Cincinnati Public Schools, | | 1 |
| May, Joseph, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 2 Pendleton, George H., <i>Cincinnati</i> , O., 1 tract. | | 1 |
| Mears, E. N. K., | 1 | | 1 Perkins, Fred B., <i>San Francis- co, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Melrose Public Library, | | | 1 Philadelphia Board of Directors of City Trusts, | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>New York</i> , | | | 1 Phillips, George W., | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exe- ter, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Company, <i>Philadelphia</i> , | | | 1 Plymouth, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scot- land</i> , | | | 1 Plymouth Public Library, | 1 | |
| | | | 2 Poole, William F., | | 1 |
| | | | Porter, Edward G., <i>Lexington</i> , | | 1 |
| | | | 1 Porter, Samuel A., | 6 | 5 |

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| Portland Public Library, 1 newspaper. | | | Stoddard, E. B., | 1 | 1 |
| Providence Athenæum, | | | Swedenborgian Organization, A, | | |
| Providence Public Library, | | 2 | <i>through Rufus Fuller,</i> | 6 | |
| Public School Library, <i>Cleveland, O.,</i> | | 2 | Taunton Public Library, | | 1 |
| Publishers of Alta Californian, | | 2 | Thayer, George A., | | 1 |
| <i>San Francisco, Cal.,</i> | 1 | 2 | Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree,</i> | | 1 |
| Publishers of Connecticut Courant, | | | Thomas, E. I., <i>Brookline,</i> | | 1 |
| Publishers of Daily Graphic, | | 1 | Thurber, Samuel, <i>Boston,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>New York,</i> | 1 | | Ticknor, A. E., | | 1 |
| Publishers of the Musical Times, | 8 | 1 | Tison, Alexander, Librarian of | | |
| Raymond, W., | | 2 | Olivet College, | | 1 |
| Reid, J. A. & R. A., | 1 | | Toledo Public Library, | | 1 |
| Rice, W. W., <i>M. C.,</i> 1 newspaper, | 15 | 8 | Tufts College, | | 2 |
| Robinson, Mrs. H. H., | | 1 | United States: | | |
| Roffe, A. H. & Co., | | 1 | Bureau of Education, | | 4 |
| Rotherham Free Public Library, | | 1 | Chief of Engineers, | 6 | 1 |
| Ruggles, Frank W., | 1 | | Chief of Signal Office, | 1 | |
| St. Agnes School, | | 2 | Department of the Interior, 1 | | |
| St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, | | 1 | map, 16 sheets, | 47 | 42 |
| St. Louis Public School Library, | | 4 | Department of the Treasury, | 1 | |
| Salisbury, Stephen, | 1 | 1 | Department of War, 7 maps, | 2 | |
| Salisbury, Stephen, Jr., | | 1 | Naval Academy, <i>Annapolis, Md.,</i> | | 1 |
| San Francisco Free Public Library, 2 sheets, | 1 | 2 | Naval Observatory, | 2 | |
| Savory, John, <i>Washington, D. C.,</i> | 1 | 1 | Senate, 8 sheets, | | 1 |
| Seymour, Horatio, <i>Utica, N. Y.,</i> | | 8 | Surgeon General's Office, | 1 | |
| Sheffield Scientific School, <i>through S. W. Johnson,</i> | | 8 | Uxbridge Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| Sheridan, P. H., | | 1 | Vivarttas, Aloha, | | 1 |
| Smith, Henry M., | 3 | 1 | Walker, A. G., | | 1 |
| Smithsonian Institution, | 3 | 1 | Walker, J. H., | 4 | |
| Society for Political Education, | 1 | 1 | Wall, Sarah E., | 1 | |
| Southbridge Public Library, | | 1 | Washburn, John D., | 1 | |
| Southwick & Jencks, | | 1 | Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Co., 1 photograph, 2 | | |
| Spelling Reform Association, 8 sheets, | | 8 | sheets, | 1 | 10 |
| Springfield City Library Association, | | 8 | Watertown Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Staples, Hamilton B., | | 1 | Wayland, H. L., | | 3 |
| Steiger, E. & Co., | | 1 | Weidmannsche Buchhandlung, <i>Berlin,</i> | | 1 |
| Stennett, W. H., <i>Chicago, Ill.,</i> | | 1 | Wellington & Burrage, | | 1 |
| Stirling* and Glasgow Public Library, | | 1 | Wells, B. T., | | 1 |
| | | | Wheeler, George W., | | 1 |
| | | | Wheeler, Leonard, | | 1 |
| | | | Whiting, Charles B. & Co., 1 | | |
| | | | circular, 1 sheet. | | |
| | | | Williams College, | | 1 |
| | | | Willis, Henry, <i>Worcester, Eng.,</i> | 8 | 2 |
| | | | Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge,</i> | | 5 |
| | | | Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, | 4 | |
| | | | Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |

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| Woman's Medical College, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 | Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association, 1 circular. | | |
| Worcester, <i>Eng.</i> , Public Library Committee, | 14 | | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 5 |
| Worcester, City of, | 1 | 11 | Wyman, W. H., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| City of, through <i>H. Griffin</i> , | | 2 | Yale College, | | 3 |
| City of, through <i>H. A. Marsh</i> , | 1 | | Young Men's Association, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| City of, through <i>E. O. Parker</i> , | 1 | | Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York</i> , | | 1 |
| City Clerk, | 8 | 5 | Young Men's Library Association, <i>Ware</i> , | | 1 |
| City Hospital, | | 2 | Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | 6 | | | |
| Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company, | | 1 | | | |
| Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, | | 1 | | | |
| Worcester County Horticultural Society, | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | 416 | 519 |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Library report that during the past year they have held fifteen meetings. They have recommended for purchase two thousand five hundred and twenty-three volumes, distributed as follows:

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 386 |
| Intermediate Department, | 465 |
| Circulating Department, | 1,672 |

The details of the management and use of the Library are so fully considered in the report of the Librarian, that it is unnecessary for us to deal with this matter.

We desire to commend, in the heartiest manner, the faithful and intelligent service rendered by the Librarian and his assistants, which promotes so effectively the usefulness and value of the Library.

For the Committee,

F. A. GASKILL,
Chairman.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Reading Room finds it unnecessary to make any remarks in regard to the affairs under its charge, and begs leave to refer to the appended lists for the information annually given in its report.

The Committee takes especial pleasure in calling attention to the list of persons and firms who have given periodicals to the reading-room during the past year, and thanks them for adding, by their gifts, to the means of instruction and entertainment placed at its disposal and that of the Board of Directors.

WM. DICKINSON,
FRANCIS H. DEWEY, } *Committee.*
THOMAS J. CONATY, }

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING
THE YEAR.

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| Albany Evening Journal. | Evening Star, Washington. |
| American Art Journal. | Philadelphia Press. |
| Coal. | Photographic Times. |
| Eclectic Magazine. | |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Albany Weekly Journal. | North American, Philadelphia. |
| Monthly Index. | Oriental Church Magazine. |

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, | Publishers. |
| American Gas Light Journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American Journal of Education, | J. B. Merwin, Editor. |
| American Machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Baptist Missionary Magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester Journal, | Charles H. Birbeck, Proprietor. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Christian Leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian Register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Congressional Record, | W. W. Rice. |
| Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Cultivator and Country Gentleman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Donahoe's Magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Fargo Republican, | George G. Beardsley. |
| Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Company. |
| Fonetic Techer, | Editor. |
| Freidenker, | Publishers. |
| Hawalian Gazette, | George F. Hoar. |
| Index, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Missionary Herald, | Publishers. |
| Monthly Notes of the Library Asso- ciation of The United Kingdom, | S. S. Green. |
| Musical Herald, | Publishers. |
| New England Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | United States Patent Office. |
| Our Dumb Animals, | Publishers. |

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| *Our Union, | Woman's Christian Temperance Union. |
| †Owlet, | S. S. Green. |
| *Platonist, | Publishers. |
| Public Ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| *Søndebudet, | Albert F. Ericson. |
| *Sanitary Engineer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Signs of the Times, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern Workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sunday Herald, | Anonymous. |
| Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftsian, | Tufts College. |
| Unitarian Review and Religious | |
| Magazine, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Universalist Quarterly, | S. D. Harding. |
| *Ward's Natural Science Bulletin, | Publishers. |
| Watchman, | Publishers. |
| Woman's Journal, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| Worcester Daily Spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Daily Times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Evening Gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's Crisis, | Publishers. |
| Yarmouth Herald, | Nova Scotia Steamship Company. |
| Zion's Herald, | Unknown. |

*Discontinued.

†Publication stopped.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Building begs leave to call the attention of the Board of Directors to the fact stated in its last report, that money would "soon have to be spent in renewing the timbers and floors in the northern portion of the basement, and in laying new floors in the first story." It also stated that it would be desirable to use tiles in re-laying the floor of the hall, as this is a thoroughfare for all persons who enter either the Circulating or Reference departments, which is constantly in use. The time has now come, in the opinion of the Committee, when it is imperative to re-lay the floors, and it recommends that an appropriation be asked from the city government for doing this work, and that a large enough sum be asked for to make it possible to use tiles for paving the hall.

It is estimated that \$500 would be needed in doing the work required.

It having been recently discovered that the Library building was filled with sewer gas, an investigation was made, which disclosed the fact that it had become necessary to renew the duct at once. The Committee, therefore, ordered the needed work to be done, and will have to ask the city to pay the bill for the same, amounting, probably, to about \$150.

In addition to the sums of money required for re-laying the

floors and renewing the sewer, the Committee asks that the following items be inserted in the estimates for the ordinary expenses of the present year, namely :

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| For Gas, | \$900 00 |
| Water, | 80 00 |
| Coal and wood, | 350 00 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 300 00 |
| Shelving, | 50 00 |
| Insurance on the boiler, | 25 00 |

For the expenditures of the past year, made under its supervision, the Committee begs to refer the Board of Directors to the report of the Finance Committee.

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| SAMUEL D. HARDING, | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| WM. DICKINSON, | |
| S. A. PORTER, | |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Finance Committee herewith submit the financial statements of the Free Public Library and the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1882. The result showing the present amount of the Green Library Fund to be \$39,883.32, an increase from the previous year of \$570.32.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$12,000, and from the Dog money, Fines and Miscellaneous receipts at library \$3,071.21, making a total of resources of \$15,071.21, and the expenditures were \$15,063.37, leaving only a balance of \$7.84.

We are of the opinion that the expenditures have been judiciously made and could not consistently have been reduced.

The expenditures of the coming year must necessarily be larger, on account of the printing of a new Catalogue as recommended by the Librarian, and the repairs in the Building deemed necessary by the Building Committee.

A very considerable increase in the City appropriation for the coming year will be necessary on these accounts in order that the amount for the purchase of books may not be reduced, and the Committee herewith present for your approval their estimates of the expenditures for the coming year.

The Committee desire to express their appreciation of the accurate and clear method in which all the accounts of William S. Barton, Esq., the City Treasurer, are kept relative to the funds of the Library, and the value of the services of our Librarian as an economical administrator of its funds.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
L. W. HAMMOND,

Finance Committee.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending November 30, 1882

RESOURCES.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 2,676 37 |
| Fines and miscellaneous receipts at library, | 394 84 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,071 21 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Binding, | \$781 36 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 99 71 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 102 65 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), postage stamps, expressage, &c., | 335 57 |
| Paper for covering books, stationery, | 96 42 |
| Postal cards, | 60 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 14 00 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, &c., | 275 27 |
| Coal and wood, | 299 05 |
| Gas, | 892 84 |
| Water, | 79 08 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 2,865 33 |
| Salary of Librarian, | 2,500 00 |
| Wages of Janitor and Messenger, | 487 50 |
| Additional library service, | 809 89 |
| Insurance, | 302 50 |
| Cataloguing, | 429 64 |
| Books, | 3,408 96 |
| Paper to be used in printing catalogue, | 1,223 60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,063 37 |
| Balance to sinking fund, | 7 84 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,071 21 |

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| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | } | Finance Committee. |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | | |
| L. W. HAMMOND, | | |

THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1882, is as follows :

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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,648 74 |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 419 00 |
| Bank tax refunded, | 148 34 |
| Dividends on savings bank deposits, | 14 68 |
| Interest on national bank deposits, | 60 48 |
| | <hr/> \$2,281 19 |

In accordance with the terms of the Will of Dr. Green, one-fourth part of the income, \$570.80, has been added to the permanent fund, and the remaining three-fourths, viz., \$1,710.89, has been transferred to the fund for the purchase of books.

STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

| | Nov. 30, 1881. | Nov. 30, 1882. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$81,451 00 | \$27,776 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,300 00 | 7,300 00 |
| Deposits in savings bank, | 564 02 | 1,309 32 |
| Deposits in national banks, | | 3,500 00 |
| | <hr/> \$89,315 02 | <hr/> \$39,885 32 |

STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

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| Balance on deposit December 1, 1881, | \$1,629 99 |
| Three-fourths of income of permanent fund, | 1,710 89 |
| Interest on deposits, during the year, | 23 91 |
| | <hr/> \$3,364 79 |
| Expended for books, | 1,764 85 |
| | <hr/> \$1,599 94 |
| Balance on deposit November 30, 1882, | |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 SAMUEL D. NYE, } Finance Committee.
 L. W. HAMMOND, }

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING ROOM FUND.

The Treasurer of the Reading Room Fund respectfully presents the following statement of his receipts and expenditures for the year ending November 30th, 1882:

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance as per last report, | \$472 99 |
| Interest on mortgage notes, | 260 00 |
| " " City of Worcester bond, | 300 00 |
| " " U. S. " | 20 00 |
| Rebate on Magazines, | 50 |
| | <hr/> \$1,053 49 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, | \$740 95 |
| Postage, | 2 24 |
| | <hr/> \$743 19 |
| Balance of cash on hand, | 810 80 |
| | <hr/> \$1,053 49 |

The Reading Room Fund is invested as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Mortgage notes, | \$5,000 00 |
| City of Worcester bond, | 5,000 00 |
| U. S. four per cent. bond, | 500 00 |
| Savings bank deposit, | 200 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Amount of fund, | \$10,700 00 |

L. W. HAMMOND, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned have examined the securities and vouchers in the hands of the treasurer, and find his accounts and statements correct.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
Of Finance Committee.

WORCESTER, Dec. 19th, 1882.

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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
WORCESTER, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1883.



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DIRECTORS IN 1884.

| | TERM EXPIRES. |
|--------------------|----------------|
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | Dec. 31, 1884. |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | " 1885. |
| SAMUEL A. PORTER, | " 1886. |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | " 1887. |
| CHARLES M. LAMSON, | " 1888. |
| ADIN THAYER, | " 1889. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.
FRANCIS H. DEWEY.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.
JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.
JONAS G. CLARK, ALBERT WOOD,
CHARLES M. LAMSON, ADIN THAYER, JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

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T. J. CONATY, GEORGE SWAN, WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.
WM. DICKINSON, SAMUEL A. PORTER, SAMUEL D. NYE.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
FRANCIS H. DEWEY, SAMUEL D. NYE, JONAS G. CLARK.

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.
LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS,
M. JENNIE BARBOUR, SARAH D. TUCKER.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

*To the Hon. Samuel E. Hildreth, Mayor, and the City Council
of the City of Worcester :*

The ordinance for the establishment and government of the Free Public Library of the City of Worcester, provides that the Directors shall annually, in the month of January, lay before the City Council, a detailed report of their doings and of the condition of the Library.

In accordance with this requirement, the Directors of the Free Public Library submit their twenty-fourth annual report.

There are four Standing Committees of the Board : on the Library, on the Reading Room, on the Building, and on Finance ; which committees are entrusted with the especial care of matters connected with the department in their charge, and by these Committees reports are made to the full Board of Directors, who hold meetings on the last Tuesday of each month, and in whom is vested the general supervision and control.

The Reports of the Standing Committees, with the Reports of the Librarian and Treasurer of the Reading Room, are herewith transmitted and made a part of this report.

These reports state so fully the work of the last year, and the present condition of the Library, that only a summary of the same is herein presented.

The whole number of volumes in the Library is 58,099 ; there has been an increase during the year by purchase of 1706 volumes, by gifts of 473 volumes, and by binding periodicals, of 331

volumes ; after deducting the volumes withdrawn and missing the net increase for the year is 2347 volumes.

The number of volumes purchased during the year was 817 less than in the previous year, owing to the want of sufficient funds therefor.

The number of volumes delivered for home use was 116,806 as against 114,845 the previous year, and for reference use 52,305 as against 48,846 the previous year, making the number of volumes used the past year 169,111, and an increase of 5,424 volumes over the previous year.

Very full and interesting details as to the circulation of the Books and the Library in general, will be found in the Report of the Librarian.

The great amount of work required for the new catalogue has been accomplished, and the result is a volume of 1392 pages, which is now in the hands of the binder, and will be soon ready for sale ; it will not only prove a great convenience but will also tend to increase the usefulness of the library. Miss Sarah F. Earle, who has been for many years an efficient assistant-librarian, has had the charge of preparing the catalogue, and her services have been eminently satisfactory.

The City of Worcester may well be proud of its Library ; in number of volumes it ranks high, and in the character of the works to be found on its shelves it acknowledges no superior.

Recognizing the fact that for the growth and prosperity of our city we are largely indebted to our manufacturing and mechanic interests, it has been the purpose of the Directors to provide all the new publications relating to the arts, sciences and mechanics, the books on which subjects are constantly taken from or consulted at the rooms of the library. This fact, and the increasing use of the library by the teachers and scholars, not only of our public schools, but of the numerous institutions for learning here located, should encourage the city government, not only to continue, but to increase its liberal appropriation for the support of the library.

The Green Library Fund now amounts to \$40,404.99, giving an annual income of about \$2,100.00 ; one-fourth of which, by

the will of Dr. John Green, is to be annually added to the principal till the same reaches the sum of \$100,000 ; the other three-fourths of the income can only be used in the purchase of books to be used in the library building for consultation and reference.

All books for the Circulating Department must therefore be purchased from the annual appropriation by the city, and inasmuch as the expenditures for the services of the Librarian and his assistants, care and repairs of the building, fuel, gas, and other necessary expenses must first be met, the balance of the appropriation only is applicable to the purchase of books.

As the Directors in determining the amount they ask from the city for the yearly appropriation, do so after careful enquiry as to the necessary expenses, if the city reduce the amount asked for, they deprive us of the means of purchasing books ; whatever deductions may be made in the appropriations asked for in other departments of city work, let it not be said that the City of Worcester exercises a mistaken economy which will lessen the advantages of the Public Library, in which all her citizens share alike.

The Reading Room is proving one of the most important departments. The number of newspapers provided in the Reading Room has been 135, of which 39 were contributed, the number of magazines 119, of which 11 were contributed.

The large and increasing number of readers, without regard to nativity, politics or sect, who frequent the rooms, show their appreciation of the great variety of newspapers and magazines that are provided.

The permanent fund for the support of the Reading Room, contributed by some of our citizens many years since, amounts to \$10,700, the annual income of which is less than \$600, whereas the annual cost of the newspapers and magazines is \$1,000, and an appropriation of \$400 will be required for this department.

By the report of the Committee on the building, it appears that during the past year new floors have been laid throughout the main story of the library building, and other repairs made, so that the building is now in excellent condition ; but to keep a building of its size, and one in so constant use, in good repair will

require a considerable annual expenditure, estimated by the Committee at \$400 for the next year. That the whole upper story may be made ready for the storage of books, for which it is needed, there will be required an extra expenditure for shelving estimated at \$600.

The report of the Librarian is so full on topics of general interest connected with our Library, that I prefer to refer to it, as in its perusal you will all be interested, instead of enlarging upon the same subjects herein.

It is gratifying to know that the merits of the Library, and the system here pursued, have been recognized abroad, and that our Library is spoken of in comparison with others as a model library, by the French Commission.

We have for several years held this position in our own country, for all which we are in a great measure indebted to the labors and success of our accomplished librarian, whose attainments have secured for himself great honor and influence at the annual Conferences of the Librarians of the Country. His work on "Library Aids" has received the especial commendation of the Bureau of Education at Washington; the Commissioner says it is impossible for that office to furnish fuller or more complete suggestions as to the establishment and conduct of libraries, than is contained in Librarian Green's small volume on that subject.

We are pleased to make the annual acknowledgment for Mr. Green's valuable services, and to his assistants for their faithful aid.

In behalf of the Directors,

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To Hon. Francis H. Dewey, President of the Board of
Directors of the Free Public Library.*


I herewith present the twenty-fourth annual report of the librarian. It is the thirteenth which I have prepared.

Following will be found the tables usually contained in this report. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library for the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the Board of Directors and through them to the citizens of Worcester, that a catalogue has been printed during the past year, of the books belonging to the circulating department of the library and of a portion of those contained in the intermediate department. This work is a volume of 1,392 pages and is octavo in size. An edition of 3,000 copies has been printed and 1,000 copies are now at the bindery.

The catalogue contains all the books added to the departments of the library catalogued, up to September 1, of the present year. Its cost, aside from the labor involved in its preparation for the press and in proof-reading, has been thus far \$3,533.73. \$900 additional will be required for binding.

It is proposed to sell the work for seventy-five cents a copy, that is to say for about one-half the cost of paper, printing and binding.



The library is established to do a popular educational work and it is therefore considered wise, in conformity to the usage of other well managed libraries, to sell so important a tool in doing this kind of work as a catalogue at such a price as to ensure its general use.

The catalogue will go on sale immediately.

It is the work of Miss Sarah F. Earle, the head of the cataloguing department. In my opinion and in that of competent critics, this work has been admirably done, and it is confidently expected that the catalogue will prove eminently satisfactory to the users of the library.

The officers of the library have regretted very much that this work could not have been done several years ago, but it was only during the present year that an appropriation could be obtained to print the catalogue.

We have aimed to prepare the volume with a careful regard to economy, and the success of our efforts has been attested by the testimony of experienced cataloguers.

It is gratifying to find that during the past year there has been a considerable increase in the use of the library. The whole number of volumes given out to readers and students during the year is 171,119. This use is divided among the different departments, as follows: Circulating Department 116,806, Reference Department 52,305, Sunday use 2,008. These figures show the increase of the year to have been 5,285 volumes. As was the case in the year previously reported on the largest increase in the use of books has been in the reference department, namely 3,459 volumes. This use has grown, it will be remembered, from practically no use thirteen years ago to the employment of 52,305 volumes the past year.

These books have been used almost exclusively for serious purposes and in the statement no account has been taken of the immense use of the 250 papers, magazines and reviews to be found in the reading-rooms. These, readers help themselves to without the intervention of an attendant.

The work done by the library in connection with the Public Schools has continued to increase.

Besides the large amount accomplished within the library building it is calculated that from 500 to 700 volumes belonging to the library are in use within the school-houses of the city every day that the schools are in session. For a description of the most recent phases of this work, reference is made to a paper read by the librarian at the convention of the American Library Association, held in Buffalo last August. This has been printed in the September-October number of the Library Journal for the present year.

The increase in the use of the circulating department the past year has been 1,961 volumes. As was stated last year, we can carry up the aggregate of books given out in this department to any desired number by lowering the standard of books circulated. But it has been the fixed purpose of the management of the library in the past as in previous years to keep up a very high standard in the literature circulated and it is with pride that we point confidently to the fact that this department is contributing immensely both to the pleasant and profitable employment by citizens of their leisure time and to their education and mental and moral improvement.

It may not be amiss to state in this connection that an admirable catalogue of children's books has been published the past year by Mr. Frederick Leypoldt of New York. It is entitled "Books for the Young," and was prepared by Miss Hewins of Hartford. Parents and children would find this a valuable guide in selecting books, which are at the same time interesting and wholesome.

Copies of this catalogue may be taken out from the circulating department of the library and others may be consulted within the library building.

It is pleasant to note that the methods in vogue in this library have approved themselves to the judgment of managers of libraries in other places and that they are being adopted in many cities and large towns and in smaller communities.

Last winter, for example, Chicago began successfully the work of bringing about intimate relations between its public library and the common schools. The librarian of the Public School

Library of St. Louis has long been interested in the work which we have been doing here and now writes me that he has begun earnestly to urge upon teachers and others in that city the importance of having schools avail themselves largely of facilities afforded by libraries.

The librarian of the Public Library in Providence writes me that he is trying to induce the governing body of the institution over which he presides, to extend the work it is already doing in this direction and add to it new features borrowed from plans in use here.

In the fourteenth volume of the new edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in the article "Libraries," the writers in speaking of some of the city and town libraries in the United States say, "It is the opinion of the energetic and enlightened managers of these libraries that a free public library is the proper corollary of a free system of public education, and it is their aim as far as possible to direct the taste and methodize the reading of those who use the collections under their charge."

Mr. Robert Harrison, librarian of the London Library, has lately, it is said, called attention to the fact that libraries may be made very useful to teachers and scholars and urged that they really be made so.

The city of Leeds, England, largely influenced by the success of this kind of work in Worcester, is especially exorting itself to make its public library useful to schools. It has begun its experiments by establishing branches of its own library in two school-houses situated at a distance from the library building.

The Boston Public Library, it is stated in one of the newspapers of that city, has decided to extend to schools in Boston some of the facilities enjoyed by such institutions in Worcester.

Finally, within the present year, a report has been sent forth from the Prefecture of the Seine (in which the city of Paris is situated) which makes honorable mention of this library. The report was prepared by Monsieur Edmond Dardenne, chief of the bureau having charge of the popular libraries of the city of Paris and department of the Seine, with the purpose of supplying information that would be useful to the Commission on Libraries

in considering what improvements should be introduced into the libraries under their charge. In this report our library is cited as an example that is worthy of imitation and the work done here is spoken of in a very complimentary manner.

The whole number of volumes in our library is 58,099.

It is to be regretted that we have not been able to buy so many books the past year as usual. The number of volumes bought is 817 less than that representing the purchases of the previous year. This frugality was rendered imperative by the necessity of spending a considerable sum of money in printing a catalogue and for extraordinary repairs.

It is desirable that a much larger sum should be spent for books the coming year than during the past year.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We owe much to our friends for presents and kindnesses, and are grateful to them for supplying our wants.

I wish, before concluding this report, to allude to a subject which must soon command the attention of the Board of Directors and City Government, namely: the impending necessity for the enlargement of the quarters of the library. The reading-room of the Green Library is already too small and in a few years there will be no more room in the building for the storage of books.

An appropriation will be asked for the coming year to shelve the portions of the rooms in the highest story of the building, that are not yet arranged for the reception of books.

In conclusion, I wish to say on my own behalf, and for my associates in the executive department of the library, that we are sensible of the consideration and kindness which has marked the bearing of the Board of Directors towards us, and feel grateful for the courtesy extended to us.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, &c., with a copy of the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee who have examined it.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CITY OF WORCESTER,
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December 18th, 1883.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1st, 1882, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows :

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| Cash balance in librarian's hands December 1st, 1882, | \$130 27 | |
| Received for fines, from the sale of catalogues and miscellaneous sources, | 490 89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$621 16 |
| Paid in return of temporary deposits, &c., | \$48 00 | |
| " to James E. Estabrook, Treasurer, | 417 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$460 20 |
| Balance in librarian's hands December 1st, 1883, | 160 96 | |
| | <hr/> | \$621 16 |

F. H. DEWEY,
SAMUEL D. NYE, } *Finance Committee.*
JONAS G. CLARK, }

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
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| Municipal appropriation, | \$13,401 02 |
| Income from invested funds : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,591 28 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 584 00 |
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| | \$2,175 28 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 2,609 57 |
| " " fines, | 405 78 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 10 27 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 10 23 |
| Sundries, | 21 66 |
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| Total, | \$18,633 76 |
| Cash on hand at last report : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,599 94 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 310 80 |
| Fines, catalogues, &c., | 130 27 |
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| | \$2,040 51 |
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| | \$20,674 27 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books :

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| Green Library Fund, | \$880 42 |
| City appropriation, | 2,599 53 |
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| | \$3,479 95 |

Periodicals :

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| Green Library Fund, | \$48 92 |
| City appropriation, | 62 32 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 972 81 |
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| | \$1,084 05 |

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| Binding, | 817 35 |
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BUILDING ACCOUNT.

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| Repairs and additions, | \$934 80 |
| Furniture and fixtures, | 67 75 |
| Insurance, | 81 25 |
| Fuel, | 329 46 |
| Lights, | 902 97 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

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| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,433 01 |
| Cataloguing, | 1,060 42 |
| Extra service, | 1,005 84 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

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| Printing catalogues, | \$2,115 51 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 146 76 |
| Postage, | 119 22 |
| Sundries, | 340 43 |
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| | \$17,918 77 |

Cash on hand, December 1st, 1883 :

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| Green Library Fund, | \$2,261 88 |
| Money received for fines, sale of catalogues, &c., | 578 16 |
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| | \$2,840 04 |
| Reading-room Fund, deficit, | 84 54 |
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| | \$2,755 50 |
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| | \$20,674 27 |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :

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| Green Library, | 165 |
| Intermediate department, | 324 |
| Circulating department, | 1,217 |
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| | 1,706 |

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| Increase of volumes by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 498 | |
| Circulating department, | 45 | |
| | <hr/> | 478 |
| Increase of volumes by binding periodicals : | | |
| Green Library, | 85 | |
| Intermediate department, | 289 | |
| Circulating department, | 57 | |
| | <hr/> | 381 |
| Increase by placing unbound volumes of periodicals in the library : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 7 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | | 8 |
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| | | 2,520 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 4 | |
| Circulating department, | 145 | |
| | <hr/> | 149 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 1 | |
| Circulating department, | 28 | |
| | <hr/> | 24 |
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| | | 178 |
| Net increase for the year, | | <hr/> |
| | | 2,847 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported : | | |
| Green Library, | 20,566 | |
| Intermediate department, | 12,192 | |
| Circulating department, | 22,994 | |
| | <hr/> | 55,752 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | <hr/> |
| | | 58,099 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Green Library, | 2 | |
| Intermediate department, | 34 | |
| | <hr/> | 36 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gift : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 394 |
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| Total increase for the year, | | 430 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.**17****Number of newspapers subscribed for :**

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| Reading-room fund, | 96 |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | 89 |

Number of magazines subscribed for :

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| Reading-room fund, | 81 | |
| Green Library fund, | 9 | |
| Clty funds, | 18 | |
| | — | 108 |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | | 11 |

CIRCULATION.

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| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 307 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 307 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 364 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 116,806 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 52,305 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department 381, Reference department, 170), | 551 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), December 9, 1882, (Largest in Circulating department, December 9, 1882, 980 volumes; in Reference department, January 16, 374 volumes). | 1,194 |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), August 22, (Smallest in Circulating department, October 2, 189 volumes; in Reference department, August 22, 18 volumes). | 221 |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 12 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for : | |
| Intermediate department, | 1 |
| Circulating department, | 11 |
| | — |
| | 12 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn : | |
| Intermediate department, | 4 |
| Circulating department, | 145 |
| | — |
| | 149 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 5,210 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,578 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,736 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1878), | 23,447 |

SUNDAY USE.

The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M.

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| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,555 |
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| Number of persons using the lower room, | 9,856 |
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| Total number, | 14,411 |
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| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 283 |
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| Largest Sunday attendance, February 18, | 410 |
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| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 22, | 133 |
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| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 2,008 |
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| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 39 |
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SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| | | | | | |
| Adams Academy, <i>Quincy,</i> | | | 1 Bridgeport Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Aldrich, A. J., <i>Michigan,</i> | | | 1 Brooklyn Library, | | 2 |
| Allen, Edward G., <i>London, Eng.,</i> | 1 | | Brown, Freeman, | 1 | |
| American Antiquarian Society, | 1 | | 8 Brown University, | | 1 |
| American Board of Commis- | | | Bullock, Mrs. Elvira H., | 1 | |
| sioners for Foreign Mis- | | | Caldwell, A., | | 1 |
| sions, | 1 | | 5 Cambridge Entomological Club, | | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining | | | Cambridge University, <i>Cam-</i> | | |
| Engineers, | 1 | | <i>bridge, Eng.,</i> | | 1 |
| American Swedenborg Printing | | | Chamberlain, Mellen, <i>Boston,</i> | | 1 |
| and Publishing Society, | 12 | | Chandler, George, | 1 | |
| American Unitarian Association, | 2 | | 2 Chicago Public Library, | | 1 |
| Ames, J. G., <i>Washington, D. C.,</i> | 1 | | Childs, George W., <i>Philadel-</i> | | 2 |
| Ames Free Library, <i>North</i> | | | <i>phia, Pa.,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>Easton,</i> | 2 | | Chillevi, D., | | |
| Amherst College, | 1 | | Cilley, Bradbury L., <i>Exeter,</i> | | 2 |
| Anglim, James & Co., <i>Washing-</i> | | | <i>N. H.,</i> | | |
| <i>ton, D. C.,</i> 1 folded sheet. | | | Cincinnati, Superintendent of | | |
| Anonymous, 1 newspaper, | 3 | 20 | Schools, | 1 | |
| Apprentices' Library, <i>New York</i> | | | Cincinnati Public Library, | 4 | 1 |
| <i>City,</i> | | | 1 Civil Service Reform Associa- | | |
| Apprentices' Library Company | | | tion, <i>New York,</i> | 1 | 2 |
| of Philadelphia, | | | 1 Civil Service Reform Associa- | | |
| Archæological Institute of | | | tion, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.,</i> | | 1 |
| America, | | | 1 Clark, William, <i>Boston,</i> 2 circu- | | |
| Arundel Society, 1 folded sheet. | | | lars, | | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City,</i> | | | 1 Clarke, R. F., <i>London, Eng.,</i> | | 1 |
| Baker, Mrs. F. M., | 2 | | 8 Clarke, Robert & Co., <i>Cincin-</i> | | |
| Barker, F. E., | 14 | | <i>nati, O.,</i> | 1 | |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public | | | Cleveland Educational Bureau, | 2 | |
| Library, | | | 1 Cleveland Public Library, | 1 | |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, | | | Clouston, W. A., | 1 | |
| <i>Clinton,</i> | | | 1 Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.,</i> | 1 | |
| Birmingham Free Library Com- | | | Colby University, | | 2 |
| mittee, | | | 2 Collet, C. D., <i>London, Eng.,</i> 1 | | |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.,</i> | 1 | | circular, 12 sheets, | 3 | 54 |
| Boone, Edward D., | 1 | | Columbia College, <i>New York,</i> 1 | | |
| Boston, City of, | | | circular, 3 folded sheets, 4 | | |
| City Council, | 5 | | sheets, | 10 | 38 |
| Boston Public Library, | | | 5 Concord, <i>N. H.,</i> Free Public | | |
| Boston University, | 1 | | Library, | | 1 |
| Boutwell, Francis M., | | | 1 Conklin, William A., <i>New York,</i> | | 1 |
| Bowdoin College, | | | 1 Connecticut Agricultural Ex- | | |
| Bradlee, C. D., <i>Boston,</i> | | | periment Station, | 1 | |
| Breck, Joseph & Sons, | | | 2 Cornell University, | | 3 |

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| Cutter, C. A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Hannah, George, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 |
| Davenport, George E., <i>Medford</i> , | | | 2 Harding, Samuel D., | 1 | |
| 1 sheet, | | | Harding, William B., | | 1 |
| Davenport Academy of Natural | | | 2 Harris, Clarendon, | 3 | |
| Sciences, <i>Davenport, Iowa</i> , | | | Hartford Steam Boiler Inspec- | | |
| Davis, Andrew McF., <i>San Fran-</i> | | | tion and Insurance Co., | 1 | |
| <i>cisco, Cal.</i> , | | | Harvard University, | 2 | 1 |
| Davis, Edward L., | 5 | | 1 Hazard, Thomas R., <i>Vancluse,</i> | 1 | |
| Dewey, Melvil, <i>New York</i> , | | | <i>R. I.</i> , | | 2 |
| Dexter, Julius, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | | Hildreth, Samuel E., | | |
| Doncaster Borough Free Libra- | | | 1 Hill & Tolman, | 1 | |
| ry, | | | 2 Historical Publishing Company, | | |
| Donnell, E. J., <i>New York</i> , | | | <i>New York</i> , | | 1 |
| Dreher, Julius D., <i>Salem, Va.</i> , | | | 2 Hoar, George F., <i>U. S. S.</i> , | 63 | 12 |
| 1 paper, | | | Holyoke Machine Co., | | 2 |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 32 | | Howland Circulating Library, | | |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee,</i> | | | <i>Matteawan, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | |
| <i>Scotland</i> , | | | Hunnewell, J. F., <i>Charlestown</i> , | | 1 |
| Eastman, A. V., <i>Cedar Rapids,</i> | | | 1 Huntington, William R., | 2 | |
| <i>Iowa</i> , | | | International Tract and Mission- | | |
| Eaton, John, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 | | ary Society, <i>South Lancaster</i> , | | |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 2 Iowa State Library, | 9 | 1 |
| Fall River Public Library, | 1 | | 1 Johns Hopkins University, | | 1 |
| Flrth, Abram, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 Johnson, Samuel, Family of, | 1 | 8 |
| Fiske, J. M., <i>Boston</i> , | | | Kansas State Board of Agricul- | | |
| Fitch, Mrs. M. V., | | | ture, | 1 | |
| Foster, Mrs. L. A., | 3 | | Ladies Commission on Sunday | | |
| Foster, W. E., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | School Books, | 1 | |
| 2 newspapers. | | | Lancaster, George Y., | 1 | |
| Friends Free Reading Room | | | 1 Lancaster Town Library, | | 1 |
| and Library, <i>Germantown,</i> | | | Leavitt, George A. & Co., | 3 | |
| <i>Pa.</i> , | | | Lee, John W. M., <i>Baltimore,</i> | | |
| Fuller, Homer T., | 1 | | <i>Md.</i> , 1 newspaper. | | |
| Gannett, William C., <i>St. Paul,</i> | | | 1 Leeds Public Library, | | 1 |
| <i>Minn.</i> , | | | Leicester Public Library, | | 1 |
| Garver, Austin S., <i>Hopedale</i> , | | | Levi Parsons Library of Glovers- | | |
| General Society of Mechanics | | | ville and Kingsboro, <i>New</i> | | 2 |
| and Tradesmen, <i>New York</i> | 1 | | <i>York</i> , | | |
| <i>City</i> , | | | 5 Leypoldt, Frederick, | 1 | |
| Gilman, Arthur, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | | Library Company of Philadel- | | |
| 1 newspaper cutting, | | | phia, | 2 | |
| Gilman, D. C., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | 3 | | 1 Liverpool, Eng., Free Public | | |
| Gould, George, | | | Library, | | 1 |
| Goulding, F. P., | | | Lockwood, Brooks & Co., | | 1 |
| Green, Mrs. Elizabeth, | 1 | | 2 Lowell City Library, | | 1 |
| Green, James, 1 sheet. | | | Lynn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 9 | | 26 MacCrellish, F. & Co., <i>San</i> | | |
| Green, Samuel S., 1 chart, 1 | | | <i>Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| sheet, | 2 | | Malden Public Library, | | 1 |
| Greene, J. Evarts, | 1 | | Manchester, Eng., City of, | | 2 |
| Hall, E. H., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | | | | |
| Halsted, A. M., <i>Rye, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | | | | |

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| Manchester, N. H., City Library, | | | Niles, D. Waterhouse, | 2 | |
| Mann, C. C., | 1 | | 1 Northboro Free Library, | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, Board of Railroad Commissioners, | 1 | | Northern Pacific Railroad Co., | | |
| Secretary of the Commonwealth, | 17 | | 1 newspaper, | 2 | 4 |
| State Library, | 8 | | Northrop, B. G., 1 sheet. | | |
| State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, | 1 | | Ohio Mechanics' Institute, Cincinnati, O., | | 3 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, Worcester, | | | 1 Paine, Nathaniel, | | 5 |
| State Normal School, Worcester, | | | Parker, Mrs. A., | 4 | |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, | 1 | | Perkins, J. McC., | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Teachers' Association, | 2 | | Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | 1 | |
| May, Samuel, Leicester, | | | 1 Perry, Walter S., | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association of New York, | | | Phillips, George W., | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco, | | | Phillips Academy, Andover, | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia, | | | Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library of Philadelphia, | | | 8 Photo-Engraving Company, New York, | | 1 |
| Merriam, Augustus C., New York, | 1 | | 1 Plymouth, Eng., Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Milford, Town of, | 1 | | 1 Polytechnic Society of Kentucky, | | 1 |
| Milwaukee Public Library, | | | 1 Prefecture du departement de la Seine, | 1 | |
| Minnesota Historical Society, | | | 4 Providence & Worcester Railroad Co., | | 1 |
| Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland, | | | Providence Public Library, | 1 | 2 |
| Morse Institute, Natick, | | | Public School Library, Cleveland, O., | | 1 |
| Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, | | | 1 Publishers of Baltimore American, 1 newspaper. | | |
| Museum of Fine Arts, School of Drawing and Painting, Boston, | | | 1 Publishers of Connecticut Courant, | 1 | |
| Nash, E. W., New York, | | | 1 Publishers of Lowell Weekly Journal, | | 1 |
| National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | 1 | | 2 Publishers of Musical Times, | 1 | 7 |
| National Civil Service Reform League, | | | 2 Publishers of Our Continent, | | 1 |
| New Bedford Free Public Library, | | | 3 Publishers of Unity, | | |
| New Jersey State Library, | 3 | | 1 Publishers of the Worcester Daily Times, 1 newspaper. | | |
| New York City, Board of Education, | | | Putnam & Davis, | | 1 |
| New York, State Library, | 5 | | 1 Raymond, W., Boston, | | 2 |
| State Survey, | 1 | | Redpath, James, 1 newspaper. | | |
| Newton Free Library, | 1 | | 1 Rice, W. A. S., Boston, | 1 | |
| | | | Rice, W. W., M. C., | 20 | |
| | | | Robinson, H. H., Malden, | 1 | |
| | | | 1 Roe, Alfred S., | 1 | |
| | | | Roorbach & Company, | | 1 |
| | | | St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, | | 1 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
|--|--------|------------|--|--------|------------|
| St. Louis Public School Library, | | 5 | Marine Hospital Service, | 1 | |
| Sallsbury, Stephen, | | 4 | Naval Observatory, 1 sheet, | 3 | |
| Sallsbury, Stephen, Jr., | 2 | | Ordnance Department, | 1 | |
| San Francisco Free Public | | | Signal Service, | 8 | |
| Library, | | 1 | University of Georgia, | | 1 |
| Sanborn, F. B., <i>Boston</i> , | 3 | | Walker, A. G., | 1 | |
| Sawin, James M., | 1 | | Watertown Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Shumway, E. S., <i>Potsdam, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 | Wayland, Francis, <i>New Haven,</i> | | |
| Smith, Charles C., | 1 | | <i>Conn.</i> , | | 2 |
| Smith, Henry M., | 25 | | Wendte, Charles W., <i>Newport,</i> | | |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Wash-</i> | | | <i>R. I.</i> , | | 2 |
| <i>ington, D. C.</i> , | 8 | | Wheeler, Henry A., 5 numbers | | |
| Society to Encourage Studies | | | of a newspaper, | 4 | 22 |
| at Home, | | 1 | Wheeler, Leonard, | 8 | 2 |
| Stanwood, J. R., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Whiting, Charles B. & Co., | | 1 |
| Staples, Samuel E., | | 1 | Winsor, Justin, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 3 |
| Stevens, B. F., | | 2 | Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Stewart, J. T., | | 1 | Woman's Medical College, <i>Phil-</i> | | |
| Stimson, Henry A., | 1 | | <i>adelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Stirling's and Glasgow Public | | | Worcester, <i>Eng.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Library, | | 1 | Worcester, City Clerk, | | 2 |
| Stone, E. M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 | City Hospital, | | 1 |
| Sunderland, J. T., <i>Ann Arbor,</i> | | | Superintendent of Schools, 1 | | |
| <i>Mich.</i> , | 1 | 1 | sheet. | | |
| Swansea, <i>Wales</i> , Public Library, | | 1 | Worcester Academy, | | 2 |
| Syvret, Jean, | | 1 | Worcester County Free Insti- | | |
| Taunton Public Library, | | 1 | tute of Industrial Science, | | 2 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Brantree</i> , | | 1 | Worcester County Free Insti- | | |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, | | | tute of Industrial Science, | | |
| Trustees of, | 2 | | Class of '83, | | 1 |
| Thompson, Charles O., <i>Terre</i> | | 2 | Worcester County Horticultu- | | |
| <i>Haute, Ind.</i> , | 2 | 8 | ral Society, | 1 | |
| Toledo Public Library, | | 1 | Worcester County Mechanics | | |
| Townsend, Caroline P., | | 1 | Association, | | 7 |
| Trask, I. N., <i>New Salem</i> , | 1 | | Worcester County Musical Asso- | | |
| Tucker, Sarah D., | 6 | | ciation, | 4 | |
| Tufts College, | | 2 | Worcester District Medical | | |
| Tyler, Jessie E., 1 paper. | | 2 | Society, | 4 | |
| Tynam, William, | 1 | | Worcester Lyceum and Natural | | |
| Union University, | 1 | | History Association, | | 1 |
| United States : | | | Worcester Mechanics Savings | | |
| Bureau of Education, 2 sheets, | 8 | 18 | Bank, | | 1 |
| Chief of Engineers, | 7 | | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | 1 | 1 |
| Department of the Interior, 1 | | | Yale College, | 1 | 4 |
| map, | 37 | | Young Men's Association, <i>Al-</i> | | |
| Department of State, | 3 | 6 | <i>bany, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Department of the Treasury, | 1 | 1 | Young Men's Mercantile Library | | |
| Department of War, | 3 | | Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| Director of the Mint, | 3 | | Young Men's Society for Home | | |
| Library of Congress, | 5 | 3 | Study, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Library report that during the past year they have held fifteen meetings.

They have recommended for purchase one thousand seven hundred and six volumes, distributed as follows :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 165 |
| Intermediate department, | 324 |
| Circulating department, | 1,217 |

We desire especially to congratulate the public upon the greater facility afforded for the use of the library by reason of the completion of the new catalogue. The care and ability with which the work has been prosecuted command conspicuous recognition.

We renew with great pleasure the expression of obligation which we believe our city owes to the Librarian and his assistants for exceptionally valuable service.

For the Committee.

F. A. GASKILL.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Reading-room, in consideration of the fact that the two rooms under its charge are frequented by so large a portion of the citizens of Worcester in search of such information and entertainment as may be obtained from papers, magazines and reviews, has felt it incumbent upon itself to make liberal provision for the supply of literature of this kind. Two hundred and fifty-four periodicals are now received regularly by the library, either through purchase or by gift. Eleven more papers and magazines have been subscribed for this year than were taken during the previous year. The number of gifts to the rooms has been the same the present year as the year before.

The committee desires to express its hearty thanks to the individuals and firms who have given periodicals to the reading-rooms. The enjoyment and profit derived from these gifts have been very great.

The committee asks the city for \$400. It is necessary to have this sum in addition to the income of the reading-room fund, as we are changing our plans in buying papers and paying for everything in advance, so as to save expense and because the experience of the past year has taught us that it is necessary to make the list of periodicals taken longer than it has been before the present year and somewhat longer even than that of this year.

WM. DICKINSON,
THOMAS J. CONATY,
JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING
THE YEAR.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Capital and Labor. | Journal of the Chemical Society. |
| Continent. | Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry. |
| Critic. | Le Livre. |
| Cultivator and Country Gentleman. | L'Illustration. |
| Electrician. | Longman's Magazine. |
| English Illustrated Magazine. | National Review. |
| Essex County Mercury. | Science. |
| Forest and Stream. | Stimmen aus Maria-Laach. |
| Gaelic Journal. | |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Cincinnati Semi-Weekly Gazette. | †Frazer's Magazine. |
| Musical Times. | |

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| American, | Publishers. |
| American Gas Light Journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American Journal of Education, | J. B. Merwin, Editor. |
| American Machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Baptist Missionary Magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester Journal, | Charles H. Birbeck, Proprietor. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Christian Leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian Register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Congressional Record, | W. W. Rice. |
| Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| *Cultivator and Country Gentleman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Donahoe's Magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| *Fargo Republican, | George G. Beardsley. |
| Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Phonetic Teacher, | Editor. |
| Freidenker, | Publishers. |
| Hawaiian Gazette, | George F. Hoar. |
| Index, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Missionary Herald, | Publishers. |
| Monthly Notes of the Library Association of the United Kingdom, | S. S. Green. |
| Musical Herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical Times, | Publishers. |

†Publication stopped.

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| New England Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Home Journal, | Henry M. Smith. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Official Gazette of the United States | |
| Patent Office, | United States Patent Office. |
| Our Dumb Animals, | Publishers. |
| Public Ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| Puck, | Spencer & Soule. |
| Roxbury Advocate, | Publishers. |
| Sanford Journal, | Publishers. |
| Signs of the Times, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern Workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sunday Herald, | Anonymous. |
| Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftsian, | Tufts College. |
| Unitarian Review and Religious Maga- | |
| zine, | American Unitarian Association. |
| United Ireland, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Universalist Quarterly, | S. D. Harding. |
| Watchman, | Publishers. |
| Wheelman, | Edward F. Tolman. |
| Woman's Journal, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| Worcester Daily Spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Daily Times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Evening Gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's Crisis, | Publishers. |
| *Yarmouth Herald, | Nova Scotia Steamship Company. |
| Zion's Herald, | Unknown. |

*Discontinued.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Building begs leave to report that it has spent during the past year \$1,002.55 for repairs, furniture, &c.

Of this amount about \$450 was paid out for new floors laid during the summer, throughout the main story of the library building, \$118.98 for a new sewer, and \$53.63 for shelving.

For a record of sums of money spent for coal and wood, gas, water and insurance on the boiler, under the supervision of this committee, reference is made to the report of the Finance Committee.

It is believed by the Building Committee that the building is now in excellent condition, but the committee at the same time recognizes the fact that several hundred dollars will have to be expended yearly in keeping it in repair.

It asks \$400 for this purpose the coming year, intending out of this sum to save money enough to paint the outside of the building and the roof.

It is necessary to make the coming year an extraordinary expenditure for shelving. \$600.00 is required for this purpose.

With this amount of money it is believed that the whole of the upper story may be made ready for the storage of books.

The needs of the coming year for gas, coal and wood, water and insurance of the boiler will be similar to those of the past year.

SAMUEL D. HARDING,
WM. DICKINSON,
S. A. PORTER,

Members of the Building Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on Finance herewith submit the financial statements of the Free Public Library and the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1883.

The present amount of the Green Library Fund is \$40,404.97; an increase from the previous year of \$519.67.

The appropriation by the city last year was \$13,401.02, and the receipts from the dog money, so called, were \$2,609.57, making the total resources \$16,010.59, and the expenditures were exactly \$16,010.59, as appears by the detailed statement of the same.

The expenditures were all necessary and economically made, a larger sum could have been judiciously expended; owing to the large expenses required for repairs of the building, and the preparation and printing of the catalogue, the amount applicable to the purchase of books was much reduced.

An expenditure of \$600.00 for shelving, of the same amount for binding catalogues, and of \$400.00 for the Reading Room will be required during the coming year, in addition to the amount ordinarily required, as appears in the estimate of the expenditures which are herewith submitted for your approval.

The Committee have carefully examined the securities in the charge of William S. Barton, Esq., the City Treasurer, and his account of receipts and disbursements, all of which they have found correct, and they desire to renew their expression of the obligation to him for his courtesy, as well as their appreciation of his valuable services.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,
SAMUEL D. NYE,
JONAS G. CLARK,

Finance Committee.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending November 30, 1883.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$13,401 02 |
| Dog money, | 2,609 57 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16,010 59 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Binding, | \$817 35 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 222 58 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 102 76 |
| Freight, postage stamps, expressage, and minor running expenses, | 312 66 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 56 86 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 28 88 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 27 30 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, &c., | 948 92 |
| Coal and wood, | 329 46 |
| Gas, | 902 97 |
| Water, | 71 92 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 2,959 62 |
| Salary of librarian, | 2,500 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 600 01 |
| Additional library service, | 1,005 84 |
| Insurance, | 81 25 |
| Cataloguing, | 488 80 |
| Shelving, | 58 68 |
| Printing catalogue, | 1,892 93 |
| Books, | 2,661 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16,010 59 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 SAMUEL D. NYE, } *Finance Committee.*

THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1883, is as follows :

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgages, | \$1,386 08 | |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 363 50 | |
| Bank tax refunded, | 129 46 | |
| Dividends on savings bank deposits, | 134 83 | |
| Interest on deposits in banks, | 64 81 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,078 68 |
| Of this income one-fourth has been added to the permanent fund, | \$519 67 | |
| The balance to fund for purchase of books, | 1,559 01 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,078 68 |

STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

| | Nov. 30, 1882. | Nov. 30, 1883. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$27,776 00 | \$22,451 00 |
| Bank stock, at par, | 7,300 00 | 7,300 00 |
| Deposits in savings banks, | 1,309 32 | 10,653 99 |
| Deposits in national banks, | 3,500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$39,885 32 | \$40,404 99 |

STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Balance on deposit December 1, 1882, | \$1,599 94 | |
| Received from income of permanent fund, | 1,559 01 | |
| Interest on deposits in bank, | 32 27 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$3,191 22 |
| Expended for books during the year, | | 929 34 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance on deposit November 30, 1883, | | \$2,261 88 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 SAMUEL D. NYE, } *Finance Committee.*
 JONAS G. CLARK, }

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING ROOM FUND.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK, *Treasurer*, in account with the Reading Room Fund of
the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY :

| | | | |
|--|---|------------|-------------|
| 1882. | DR. | | |
| | Balance of cash as per last report, | \$310 30 | |
| 1883. | | | |
| Dec. 1. | To interest on City Bonds to date, | 300 00 | |
| " | " " Mortgage notes, | 260 00 | |
| " | " " U. S. bond, | 20 00 | |
| " | " " Money in Savings Bank, | 4 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$894 30 |
| 1883. | CR. | | |
| Dec. 1. | By cash for subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals to date, | \$972 81 | |
| | Stationery, postage and money orders, | 6 08 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$978 84 |
| 1883. Dec. 1. | Balance due Treasurer, | | 84 54 |
| The Reading Room Fund is invested as follows : | | | |
| | City of Worcester bonds, | \$5,000 00 | |
| | Mortgage notes, | 5,000 00 | |
| | U. S. four per cent. bond, | 500 00 | |
| | Money in Worcester Savings Bank, | 200 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | Total amount of fund, | | \$10,700 00 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

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| F. H. DEWEY, SAMUEL D. NYE, JONAS G. CLARK, | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
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DIRECTORS IN 1885.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS, | Dec. 31, 1885. |
| SAMUEL A. PORTER, | ALBERT WOOD, | " 1886. |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | " 1887. |
| CHARLES M. LAMSON, | JAMES E. ESTABROOK, | " 1888. |
| ADIN THAYER, | GEORGE SWAN, | " 1889. |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | " 1890. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.
FRANCIS H. DEWEY.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.
JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.
JONAS G. CLARK, ALBERT WOOD,
CHARLES M. LAMSON, ADIN THAYER, JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.
GEORGE SWAN, WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS, E. HARLOW RUSSELL.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.
SAMUEL A. PORTER, SAMUEL D. NYE, THOMAS GRIFFIN.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
FRANCIS H. DEWEY, SAMUEL D. NYE, JONAS G. CLARK.

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.
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M. JENNIE BARBOUR, SARAH D. TUCKER.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

*To the Hon. Charles G. Reed, Mayor, and the City Council of
the City of Worcester :*

The Directors of the Free Public Library have the honor to submit their twenty-fifth annual report.

The reports of the Standing Committees of the Board, together with the reports of the Librarian and that of the Treasurer of the Reading Room, are herewith transmitted.

We have just cause to congratulate the citizens of Worcester on the growth and increased usefulness of the Free Public Library during the past year, as will abundantly appear upon an examination of the above reports.

The number of bound volumes in the Library is 61,204, being an increase for the year of 3,105 volumes.

The circulating and reference departments of the Library have been open 307 days.

The number of volumes delivered for home use has been 135,021; the number delivered for reference use has been 57,497, making an aggregate of 192,517, or an average daily delivery for use of 627 volumes, besides the Sunday use of 1,803 volumes, being an increase of 23,202 volumes over the previous year.

The new catalogue, which had been most thoroughly, and I might add instructively, prepared, was issued at the beginning of the year, and in connection with the monthly lists of the new books, affords ready and accurate information as to the publications to be found in the Library.

The Reading Room has continued to be a successful and popular department of the Public Library, the number of interested readers constantly increasing. Two hundred and fifty-eight newspapers, magazines and periodicals have been provided for the use of the public.

The Reading Rooms have been opened every day in the year. No account has been kept of the number of persons using them on other days than Sunday, on which day it is open from 2 to 9 p. m., and the average number of persons using them on *that* day has been 276, or 14,363 persons during the year.

The amount of the Reading Room Fund being but \$10,812.65, the income thereof is insufficient for the payment of the necessary newspapers and magazines, and an appropriation of at least \$350 should be made therefor.

The Library building is in general good condition, but the Building Committee recommend that as a matter of economy a new boiler for heating should be put in, and the necessity of more room for the books in the circulating library will require the fitting up and shelving of an additional room in the basement during the present year.

The City of Worcester may well be proud of the Free Public Library, not alone of the large number of valuable books upon all subjects which it contains, but also of the profitable use that is made of them.

The Library is an important factor in the present and future growth and prosperity of the City. The use of its circulating library and reading rooms enables and encourages thousands of persons every year to devote to improvement hours that would otherwise be worse than wasted.

The Reference Department contains many of the most valuable publications on all matters of art and science, and as our City is so dependent on the knowledge, skill and inventions of its manufacturers and mechanics, it has been the policy of the Trustees heretofore to add at once to the Library all such publications as may tend to afford the latest information on these subjects.

The increased number of books called for from this depart-

ment for study shows its value. Our accomplished and courteous Librarian is not only *always* able, but always most happy, to give full information to all enquiries as to the books in which they can find information on any subject and to render them efficient aid in prosecuting their investigations.

The peculiar qualifications of our Librarian from his learning and executive ability to fill the office he has so long and so satisfactorily held have not only been known to and appreciated by our successive Boards of Trustees, but also by those engaged in the organization and management of other important libraries in different parts of the country; but we trust no inducements that they have offered or may offer will lead him to withdraw from us.

The Directors are happy to commend the faithful and intelligent services of all the assistants of the Librarian during the past year.

The Directors would say, in conclusion, that the amount of the appropriation they ask for the Free Public Library for the ensuing year has been placed at the lowest sum consistent with continuing its work on the most economical principles. Any deduction, therefore, would necessarily diminish the amount that could be applied to the purchase of books, as the other estimated expenditures could not well be reduced.

The general depression in business affecting as it has the numbers of men employed and reducing the hours of labor, has added largely to the number of the visitors at the Reading Room and increased the call for books, and we feel assured the City Government will do everything in its power to continue and enlarge the facilities of an institution whose benefits may be shared alike by all its citizens.

In behalf of the Directors,

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,

President.

WORCESTER, Dec. 30th, 1884.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To Hon. Francis H. Dewey, President of the Board of
Directors of the Free Public Library.*

I herewith present the twenty-fifth annual report of the librarian. It is the fourteenth which I have prepared.

Following will be found the tables usually contained in this report. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students and the extent of the use of the reading-room on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library for the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

It is noticeable that there has been a large increase in the use of the library during the past year. The whole number of volumes given out to readers and students during the year is 194,321, an increase over the previous year of 23,202.

This use is divided among the different departments as follows: Circulating Department 135,021, Reference Department 57,497, Sunday use 1803.

The increase was large in the use of both of the two departments, the circulating and the reference; in the former having been 18,215, and in the latter 5,192.

The books given to readers and students in the reference department, or Green Library, have been used almost exclusively for serious purposes, and in the statement no account has been taken of the immense use of the 258 papers, magazines and

reviews to be found in the reading-rooms. These, readers help themselves to without the intervention of an attendant.

Not only has the high standard of previous years in regard to the character of books circulated been kept up, but it has been considerably raised during the past year.

For the latest account of the work done by the library in connection with schools reference is made to a paper which has been prepared by the librarian, and which will appear as an appendix to the report of the Massachusetts Board of Education, which will be presented to the legislature early in 1885.

The new catalogue issued at the beginning of the year has proved very satisfactory to users of the library.

The whole number of volumes in the library is 61,204, an increase during the year of 3,105 volumes. It has been of great advantage to us to be able to buy a considerable number of books during the year, for books are our tools and we cannot do the best work without good tools, nor without tools adapted to the accomplishment of work of various kinds.

It is desirable that liberal provision should be made for the support of the library the coming year, since in seasons of business depression large numbers of persons are thrown out of employment, who, if encouraged by finding their wants supplied, will make a constant use of our books, papers and magazines. When business stagnates our work always increases in volume, and under the favoring circumstances of an adequate appropriation increases rapidly.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. Many of the presents made to us are valuable; all of them have been acceptable.

It is my duty before concluding this report to allude to a subject which I called the attention of the Board of Directors to last year, namely: The impending necessity for the enlargement of the quarters of the library. The reading-room of the Green Library is already too small, and in a few years there will be no more room in the building for the storage of books. Last summer we furnished with shelves such portions of the building as are available for additions to the reference library and were then

unoccupied. The coming year it will be necessary to shelve and fit up a large part of the room remaining in the basement in order to provide for the natural increase of the number of books in the Circulating Department.

The librarian congratulates the Board of Directors on the fact that we enter on the second quarter of a century of the life of the library in a prosperous condition, and with facilities for doing a work of great usefulness if generously supported by the city government in the future as in the past.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with a copy of the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee who have examined it.

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December, 1884.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1st, 1883, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows :

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Cash balance in Librarian's hands December 1st, 1883, | \$160 96 | |
| Received for fines, from the sale of catalogues and from miscellaneous sources, | 909,40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,070 36 |
| Paid in return of temporary deposits, &c., | \$47 60 | |
| “ to W. S. Barton, City Treasurer, | . 825 29 | |
| | <hr/> | \$872 89 |
| Balance in Librarian's hands, December 1st, 1884, | 197 47 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,070 36 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 SAMUEL D. NYE, } *Finance Committee.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds: | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,641 82 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 592 67 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,234 49 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | \$2,860 40 |
| " " fines, | 454 54 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 409 63 |
| Payments for missing and damaged books, | 4 42 |
| Sundries, | 4 21 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$17,967 69 |
| Cash on hand at last report: | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,261 88 |
| Fines, catalogues, &c., | 578 16 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,840 04 |
| Reading-room Fund (deficit), | 84 54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,755 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$20,723 19 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books: | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,184 40 |
| City appropriation, | 3,780 82 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,915 22 |
| Periodicals: | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$103 84 |
| City appropriation, | 455 88 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 432 62 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$991 84 |
| Binding, | 781 00 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Repairs and additions, } | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | \$820 06 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Fuel, | 320 83 |
| Lights, | 808 80 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
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| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,685 19 |
| Cataloguing, | 500 00 |
| Extra service, | 1,060 53 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$1,180 26 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 166 40 |
| Postage, | 112 02 |
| Sundries (including \$11, the amount paid to depositors more than the amount received from them), | 347 53 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 50 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$17,764 68 |

Cash on hand, December 1st, 1884 :

| | |
|---|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,665 46 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 75 51 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, &c., | 197 47 |

\$2,938 44

Municipal appropriation transferred to the sinking-fund,

\$20,708 12

20 07

\$20,728 19

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 171 |
| Intermediate department, | 510 |
| Circulating department, | 2,062 |

2,743

Increase of volumes by gifts :

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 227 |
| Circulating department, | 38 |

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| Increase of volumes by binding periodicals : | | |
| Green Library, | 24 | |
| Intermediate department, | 196 | |
| Circulating department, | 48 | |
| | <hr/> | 268 |
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 4 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | | 1 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 3,281 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 15 | |
| Circulating department, | 142 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | 157 | |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | 19 | 176 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Net increase for the year, | | 3,105 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported : | | |
| Green Library, | 20,766 | |
| Intermediate department, | 13,185 | |
| Circulating department, | 24,148 | 58,099 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | 61,204 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Green Library, | 2 | |
| Intermediate department, | 40 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 42 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 505 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total increase for the year, | | 547 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund, | | 99 |
| Number of newspapers given to the reading-room, | | 36 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund, | 80 | |
| Green Library fund, | 9 | |
| City funds, | 24 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 113 |
| Number of magazines given to the reading-room, | | 10 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 307 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 307 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 366 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 185,021 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 57,497 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 440; Reference department, 187), | 627 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), March 15, 1884, | 1,842 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, March 15, 1884, 1,062 volumes; in Reference department, March 10, 1884, 878 volumes.) | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), August 30, | 278 |
| (Smallest in Circulating department, June 25, 146 volumes; in Reference department, July 11, 31 volumes.) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 6 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 13 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn : | |
| Intermediate department, | 15 |
| Circulating department, | 142 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 157 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 5,214 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,758 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,870 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1878), | 25,251 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
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| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,378 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 9,985 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number, | 14,363 |
| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 276 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, February 24, | 424 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, August 3, | 82 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,803 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 35 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|--|--------|-----------|---|--------|-----------|
| Adams, Charles F. Jr., <i>Quincy</i> , | | | 1 Boston, City of, | 2 | |
| Alden. Edwin & Bro., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | | City Council, | 3 | |
| Alden, John B., <i>New York</i> , | | | City Messenger, | 1 | |
| Allen, William F., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | | Secretary of School Committee, | | 1 |
| Amateur Association, <i>Worcester</i> , | 1 | | 1 Boston Athenæum, | | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | | Boston Public Library, | | 5 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1 sheet, | | | 2 Boston University, | 1 | 2 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 3 | | Bostonian Society, | | 1 |
| American Unitarian Association, | | | Boutwell, Francis M., <i>Groton</i> , | | 1 |
| Ames Free Library, <i>North Easton</i> , | | | 7 Bowdoin College, | | 1 |
| Amherst College, | | | Bridgeport Public Library, | | 1 |
| Anglim, James & Co., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | | Brighton Free Library, | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 8 newspapers, 5 folded sheets, 8 card photographs, 1 sheet, | 3 | | Brookline Public Library, | | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, | | | 1 Brooklyn Library, | | 3 |
| Archæological Institute of America, | | | Brotherhood Restaurant, <i>New York</i> , 1 folded sheet. | | |
| Arundel Society, | | | 1 Brown University, | | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | | Cambridge Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bacon, Leonard W., <i>Norwich, Conn.</i> , | 1 | | 1 Cambridge University, <i>Cambridge, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Barker, F. E., | 4 | | Carpenter, H. B., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | | 42 Chadwick, John W., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Batchelder, Frank R., | | | 1 Chalmers, Patrick, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bates, Theodore C., | 1 | | 1 Chicago Athenæum, | | 1 |
| Berkshire Athenæum, <i>Pittsfield</i> , | 1 | | 1 Chicago Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | | | 1 Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Blair & Son, 1 card photograph. | | | Cilley, Bradbury L., <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | |
| Blanchard, F. S. & Co., 2 newspapers. | | | Cincinnati Public Library, | 2 | 1 |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | | | 2 Cleveland Public Library, | | 2 |
| Bolton, Sarah K., <i>Cleveland, O.</i> , | 1 | | 2 Cobb, William H., <i>Uxbridge</i> , | | 1 |
| 1 folded sheet, | | | Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| | | | Colby University, | | 1 |
| | | | College of the Holy Cross, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| | | | College of New Jersey, <i>Princeton, N. J.</i> , | 1 | |
| | | | Conaty, T. J., | | 1 |
| | | | 1 Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, | | 1 |
| | | | 3 Cornell University, | | 5 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
|---|--------|------------|---|--------|------------|
| Correspondence University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | | | Green, Samuel S., 1 newspaper, 1 folded sheet, | 8 | 24 |
| Cotgreave, A., <i>Richmond, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | 2 Hallam, John, <i>Toronto</i> , 1 news- paper, | | |
| Cowell, Peter, <i>Liverpool, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | 3 Hammett, J. L., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Cox, William R., <i>M. C.</i> , | | 8 | Hammond, Timothy W., | | 1 |
| Cumming & Brinkerhoff, <i>New</i> <i>York</i> , | 1 | | Handsworth Public Library, | | 1 |
| Damon, Mrs. Charles B., | 14 | | Harlow, A. J., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Davis, Edward L., | 1 | | Hartford Library Association, | | 11 |
| Davis, George L., <i>North Ando-</i> <i>ver</i> , | 1 | | Hartford Steam Boiler Inspec- tion and Insurance Co., | 1 | |
| Davis, Mary W., | 1 | | Harvard University, | | 4 |
| Deuerlich, G., <i>Göttingen, Ger-</i> <i>many</i> , | | 1 | Harvey, Augustus J., <i>London</i> , | | |
| Dewey, F. H., | | 8 | <i>Eng.</i> , 5 sheets. | | |
| Dickinson, William, | 1 | | 8 Hawley, Goodrich & Co., <i>Hart-</i> <i>ford, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Donnell, E. J., <i>New York</i> , | | 1 | 1 Hazard, Thomas R., | | 1 |
| Draper, W. F., <i>Andover</i> , | 1 | | Hewett, George F., | 1 | |
| Dummer Academy, <i>Byfield</i> , | | 2 | 2 Historical and Philosophical So- ciety of Ohio, 1 sheet. | | |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee</i> , | | 1 | 1 Hoar, George F., <i>U. S. S.</i> , 1 newspaper, | 8 | 12 |
| Earle, Pliny, <i>Northampton</i> . | | 1 | Hobbs, W. H., <i>Auburn</i> , | | 12 |
| Emerton, J. H., <i>New Haven</i> , | | 1 | 1 Huling, Ray Greene, <i>Fitchburg</i> , | | 1 |
| <i>Conn.</i> , | | 8 | Indianapolis Public Library, | | 1 |
| Estabrook, James E., | | 4 | 4 International Inventions Exhi- bition, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | Jameson, J. F., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | 1 | |
| Fall River Public Library, | | 1 | Jannery, J. R., | | 1 |
| Ferguson, A. M. & J., <i>Colombo</i> , | 1 | | 1 Johns Hopkins University, <i>Bal-</i> <i>timore, Md.</i> , | | 8 |
| <i>Ceylon</i> , | | 1 | Kurtz, D. Morris, <i>Ithaca, N.</i> <i>Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Firth, Abraham, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | Lancaster, George Y., | | 1 |
| Fiske, John, <i>Cambridge</i> , 1 folded sheet. | | 1 | 1 Lancaster Town Library, | | 1 |
| Fletcher Free Library, | | 17 | 1 Larison, C. W., <i>Ringos, N. J.</i> , | | 2 |
| Flinn, Alfred D., 22 folded sheets, | 86 | | 1 Lascell, G. W., <i>Lynn</i> . | | 1 |
| Foster, Emma E., | | 1 | Lawrence Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| Fowler, Rufus B., | | 2 | Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New</i> <i>York</i> , | 1 | |
| Francis, George E., | | 1 | Leeds Public Library, | | 1 |
| Friends' Free Reading Room and Library, <i>Germantown</i> , | | 1 | Lelcester Academy, 2 folded sheets, | | 2 |
| <i>Pa.</i> , | | 1 | 1 Lelcester Public Library, | 1 | |
| Galvin, Edward I., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 | Leominster Public Library, | | 1 |
| 1 circular, | | 1 | Levi Parsons Library of Glov- ersville and Kingsboro, | | |
| Gariel H., <i>Grenoble, France</i> , | | 1 | <i>New York</i> , | 1 | 8 |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York</i> <i>City</i> , | | 2 | Library Company of Philadel- phia, | | 2 |
| Gilman, John, | | 97 | Little, James L., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Green, James, | 8 | | Lowell City Library, | | 1 |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , 6 folded sheets, 9 sheets, 3 broadslides, 1 circular, 1 newspaper, | 1 | 11 | Lynn Public Library, | | 1 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|---|--------|-----------|---|--------|-----------|
| <p>McCalla & Staveley, <i>Phila-</i> <i>phia, Pa.</i>, Malden Public Library, Manchester, <i>Eng.</i>, Public Free Libraries, Manchester, <i>N. H.</i>, City Li- brary, Mansill, Richard, <i>Rock Island,</i> <i>Ill.</i>, 1 newspaper. Marden & Rowell, <i>Lowell,</i> Maryland Historical Society, Massachusetts, Board of Rail- road Commissioners, 1 Secretary of Commonwealth, 2 State Board of Health, Luna- cy and Charity, 1 State Library, 2 State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Wor-</i> <i>cester,</i> State Normal School, <i>Worce-</i> <i>ster,</i> Massachusetts Institute of Tech- nology, May, George T., <i>New York,</i> May, Samuel, <i>Leicester,</i> Mercantile Library Associa- tion of New York, Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco, Mercantile Library of Philadel- phia, Middlesex Mechanics' Associa- tion, <i>Lowell</i>, 1 sheet. Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scot-</i> <i>land,</i> Morse Institute, <i>Natick,</i> Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary, Museum of Comparative Zoolo- gy, through Alexander Agassiz, <i>Cambridge,</i> 1 Museum of Fine Arts, School of Drawing and Painting, <i>Boston</i>, 1 sheet National Association of Wool Manufacturers, 1 New Bedford Free Public Li- brary, New England Conservatory of Music, <i>Boston</i>, New York State Library, 1 sheet, New York Chamber of Com- merce, Secretary of, New York Civil Service Reform Association, 1</p> | | | <p>New York Free Circulating Li- brary, 1 Newburyport Public Library, 1 Newton Free Library, 1 Northboro Free Library, 1 Noyes, S. B., <i>Brooklyn,</i> 1 Oakland, <i>Cal.</i>, Superintendent of Public Schools, 1 Orvis, Charles F., <i>Manchester,</i> <i>Vt.</i>, 1 Paine, Nathaniel, 2 Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers,</i> 1 Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody,</i> 1 Peabody Library, <i>Peabody,</i> 1 Perkins, Frederic B., <i>San Fran-</i> <i>cisco, Cal.</i>, 1 Perkins Institution and Massa- chusetts School for the Blind, 1 Plymouth, <i>Eng.</i>, Free Public Library, 1 Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>, 2 Pope, Albert A., <i>Boston,</i> 1 Portland Public Library, 1 news- paper, 11 Pray, John H. Sons & Co., <i>Bos-</i> <i>ton,</i> 1 Providence & Worcester Rail- road Co., 1 Providence Public Library, 2 Publishers of Independent, 1 Publishers of Polybiblion, 15 Publishers of Railway Review, 1 Publishers of Unity, 1 Reed, Charles G., 1 Rice, W. W., <i>M. C.</i>, 19 Roe, Alfred S., 2 Rogers, Horatio, <i>Providence, R.</i> <i>I.</i>, 1 30 Rotherham Free Public Library, Rowell, George P. & Co., <i>New</i> <i>York,</i> 1 Royal Society of Canada, 1 Sabin, H., <i>Clinton, Iowa,</i> 1 Sage Public Library, <i>West Bay</i> <i>City, Mich.</i>, 1 St. Louis Public School Li- brary, 8 Salisbury, Stephen, 2 San Francisco Free Public Li- brary, 1 Sauveur, Lambert, <i>Burlington,</i> <i>Vt.</i>, 1 Savary, John, <i>Washington, D.</i> <i>C.</i>, 1</p> | | |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|--|--------|------------|
| Seaver, Edwin P., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Naval Academy, | 1 | |
| Sheffield Scientific School of | | | Naval Observatory, | | 1 |
| Yale College, | 1 | | Ordnance Department, | 1 | |
| Shuey, W. H., <i>New York City</i> , | 4 | | Patent Office, | 2 | |
| Sleeper, William T., | 1 | | Signal Service, | 1 | |
| Smith Henry M., | 2 | | University of Minnesota, | | 1 |
| Smithmeyer, J. L., <i>Washing-</i> | | | Walker, A. G., | | 2 |
| <i>ton, D. C.</i> , | 1 | | Walsall Free Library, | | 1 |
| Smithsonian Institution, | 2 | | Ware Bros., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Snow, Marshall S., <i>St. Louis</i> , | | | Waterhouse, Sylvester, <i>St.</i> | | |
| Society for Political Education, | | | <i>Louis. Mo.</i> , | | 5 |
| <i>New York</i> , | 1 | | Watertown Free Public Li- | | |
| Society to Encourage Studies | | | brary, | | 1 |
| at Home, | 1 | | Watson, Paul B., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | |
| South Carolina, Department of | | | Wendte, Charles W., <i>Newport</i> , | | |
| Agriculture, | 1 | | <i>R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Southbridge Public Library, | | | Wheeler, Leonard, | | 1 |
| Spelling Reform Association, | | | Wheelock, Charles A., <i>Ux-</i> | | |
| Springfield City Library Asso- | | | <i>bridge</i> , | | 1 |
| ciation, | | | Whiting, Charles B. & Co., | 1 | 21 |
| Stallard, William, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | Wilkinson, Charles, 1 folded | | |
| <i>Eng.</i> , | 1 | | sheet. | | |
| Staples, Hamilton B., | | | Willson, G. H., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Staples, Samuel E., | | | Winchester, G. F., <i>Middletown</i> , | | |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | <i>Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Stirling's and Glasgow Public | | | Winchester, <i>Eng.</i> , City of, | | 1 |
| Library, | | | Winsor, Justin, | | 2 |
| Stockin, A. C., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Swansea, <i>Wales</i> , Public Li- | | | Wood, Mrs. Alphonso, 2 sheets, | 5 | |
| brary, | 1 | | Worcester, City Auditor, | | 1 |
| Taunton Public Library, | 1 | | City Clerk, 1 folded sheet, | 3 | 1 |
| Thayer, F. C., 1 sheet. | | | City Hospital, | | 2 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Brantree</i> , | | | Worcester Academy, | | 1 |
| Thompson, Charles O., <i>Terre</i> | | | Worcester County Free Insti- | | |
| <i>Haute, Ind.</i> , | | | tute of Industrial Science, | | 7 |
| Toledo Public Library, | | | Worcester County Musical As- | | |
| Toronto Public Library, | 1 | | sociation, | 1 | 1 |
| Trustees of Obadiah Brown's | | | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 1 |
| Benevolent Fund, | 18 | | Yale College, | | 3 |
| Tucker, Sarah D., | 2 | | Young Men's Association, <i>Buf-</i> | | |
| Tufts College. | | | <i>falo, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 |
| Tyler, Jessie E., 1 newspaper. | | | Young Men's Christian Associa- | | |
| United States, Bureau of Edu- | | | tion, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| cation, | 2 | | Young Men's Democratic Club, | | |
| Chief of Engineers, | 4 | | <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Department of Agriculture, | 1 | | Young Men's Mercantile Li- | | |
| Department of the Interior, | 70 | | brary Association, <i>Cincin-</i> | | |
| Department of State, | | | <i>nati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| Department of the Treas- | | | Zetterman & Lätt, | | 2 |
| ury, | 2 | | | | |
| Department of War. | 1 | 2 | | 262 | 630 |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Library report that during the past year they have held twelve meetings.

They have recommended for purchase twenty-seven hundred and forty-three volumes, distributed as follows :

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 171 |
| Intermediate Department, | 510 |
| Circulating Department, | 2,062 |

It is gratifying to notice that 1,000 more volumes have been bought this year than during the previous year. The generous provision made for the purchase of books during the year just past accounts in part for the large growth in the use of the library, which is announced in the report of the librarian.

The committee is pleased to find that the library grows in favor and in usefulness every year, and is convinced that it deserves generous support at the hands of the city government.

JONAS G. CLARK.
ALBERT WOOD.
C. M. LAMSON.
ADIN THAYER.
JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Reading-room appends to its report lists of papers and other periodicals taken in the reading-rooms for the first time during the past year, of such as we have ceased to take and of gifts which have been made to us.

Two hundred and fifty-eight periodicals have been accessible to the public during the year as against two hundred and fifty-four in the year before.

The use of the reading-rooms has been very large. It will be still larger the present year as many persons are at this time out of employment. Large numbers of such persons use the reading-rooms for the purposes of acquiring information or deriving entertainment, and their use of it is desirable and profitable.

It will be necessary the coming year not only to keep the list of periodicals taken full, but probably to add to it somewhat in order to meet reasonable wants of citizens.

This committee asks the Finance Committee to put into the estimates to be presented to the in-coming city government the sum of \$350, to be used with the income from the Reading-room fund, in providing the reading-matter demanded by the best interests of citizens.

Our thanks are due to individuals and associations who have kindly given us the papers and magazines acknowledged in the appendix. They have enabled us by their gifts to afford the public increased facilities for instruction and entertainment.

THOMAS J. CONATY.
GEORGE SWAN.
W. A. WILLIAMS.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING
THE YEAR.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Andover Review. | The Foreign Eclectic. |
| The Berkshire Courier. | The Keynote. |
| Bulletin of Massachusetts Natural History. | The Library Chronicle. |
| The Commercial and Finan- cial Chronicle. | Latine. |
| Engineering News. | Life. |
| | Outing and The Wheelman. |
| | Shakespeariana. |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| †Capital and Labor. | †The Continent. |
| †Coal. | The Public. |

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| American, | Publishers. |
| American Gas Light Journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| *American Journal of Education, | J. B. Merwin, Editor. |
| American Machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Baptist Missionary Magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester Journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bookbuyer, | Publishers. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Caldwell Tribune, | Publishers. |
| Christian Leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| College Argus, | E. A. Welch. |
| Christian Register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Congressional Record, | W. W. Rite. |
| Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's Magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Fonetic Techer, | Editor. |
| Freidenker, | Publishers. |
| Good Cheer, | H. D. Watson. |
| *Hawallian Gazette, | George F. Hoar. |
| Index, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Missionary Herald, | Publishers. |
| *Monthly Notes of the Library Associ- ation of the United Kingdom, | S. S. Green. |
| Musical Herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical Times, | Publishers. |

—†Publication stopped.

*Discontinued.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| New England Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Official Gazette of the United States | |
| Patent Office, | United States Patent Office. |
| *Orange County Reporter, | Editor. |
| Our Dumb Animals, | Publishers. |
| Public Ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| *Puck, | Spencer & Soule. |
| *Roxbury Advocate, | Publishers. |
| *Sabbath Sentinel, | Publishers. |
| *Sanford Journal, | Publishers. |
| Signs of the Times, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern Workmen, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sunday Herald, | Anonymous. |
| Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftsian, | Tufts College. |
| Unitarian Review, | American Unitarian Association. |
| *United Ireland. | T. J. Conaty. |
| Universallst Quarterly, | S. D. Harding. |
| Watchman, | Publishers. |
| *Wheelman, | Edward F. Tolman. |
| *Woman's Journal, | Sarah F. Earle. |
| Worcester Daily Spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Daily Times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Evening Gazette, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Home Journal, | Publishers. |
| World's Crisis, | Publishers. |
| Zion's Herald, | Anonymous. |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Building Committee reports that the building under its charge has been kept in good order during the past year.

Such floor room as remained unoccupied in the upper story has been covered with cases of shelves, and thus arrangements have been made to utilize such space as is available for use in providing for the increase of the reference library.

It will be necessary to fit up and shelve an additional room in the basement the coming year in order to make room for the year's growth of the circulating department. It is evident that all the room in the building available for the storage of books will soon be filled and that the building must before long be enlarged or new quarters provided.

About \$300 will be needed for ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, &c., the coming year, and it is desirable that a new boiler to be used in heating the building should be bought.

The estimates for a change in the heating apparatus and for fitting up the room in the basement are respectively \$600 and \$300.

WM. DICKINSON,
S. A. PORTER,
SAM'L D. NYE,

Members of the Building Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Finance Committee herewith submit the financial statement of the Free Public Library and the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1884.

The result showing the present amount of the Green Library Fund to be \$40,939.60, an increase from the previous year of \$534.61.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$12,000, and from the dog license money, fines and miscellaneous receipts at the library, \$4,102.89, making a total of resources of \$16,102.89, and the expenditures were \$16,082.82, leaving \$20.07. An examination of the details of the expenditures will show that they have been judiciously made. The Committee herewith present to you their estimate of the necessary expenditures for the coming year.

Besides the ordinary expenditures, it will be necessary to finish one of the lower rooms and shelve it for books belonging to the circulating library at an estimated expense of \$300, and the Reading Room will require an appropriation of \$350 at least for its proper maintenance.

It is desirable that a new boiler to be used in heating the building should be bought, both to furnish the necessary heat and for the saving of coal. The estimated expense of the change in the heating apparatus as made by the Building Committee is \$600.

The Committee having carefully examined the accounts of W. S. Barton, Esq., the City Treasurer, and the securities in his custody belonging to the Public Library, again express their appreciation of the accuracy with which the accounts are kept by him.

FRANCOIS H. DEWEY,
JONAS G. CLARK,
SAM'L D. NYE,

Finance Committee.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending November 30, 1884.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 2,840 40 |
| Fines, sale of catalogues, &c. (two years), | 1,242 49 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Binding, | \$781 00 |
| Binding Catalogue, | 607 00 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 156 06 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 123 26 |
| Freight, postage, stamps, expressage and minor running expenses, | 288 92 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 70 64 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 66 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 22 50 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 396 56 |
| Coal and wood, | 320 83 |
| Gas, | 808 80 |
| Water, | 93 68 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 3,060 19 |
| Salary of Librarian, | 2,500 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 625 00 |
| Additional library service, | 1,060 53 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Shelving, | 423 50 |
| Printing Catalogue, | 417 20 |
| Books, | 3,836 20 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room fund), | 400 00 |

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | \$16,082 82 |
| Balance to sinking fund, | 20 07 |
| | <hr/> \$16,102 89 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 JONAS G. CLARK, } Finance Committee.
 SAMUEL D. NYE, }

THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

The income for the year ending November 29, 1884, is as follows .

| | |
|--|------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,151 50 |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 418 50 |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 423 60 |
| Bank tax refunded, | 121 82 |
| Interest on national bank deposits, | 28 08 |
| | \$2,188 45 |

In accordance with the will of Dr. John Green, one-fourth part of the income, \$534.61, has been added to the permanent fund and three-fourths, \$1,608.84, transferred to the fund for the purchase of books, 2,188 45

STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

| | Nov. 30, 1883. | Nov. 29, 1884. |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$22,451 00 | \$18,101 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,800 00 | 7,800 00 |
| Savings bank deposits, | 10,658 99 | 15,538 60 |
| | \$40,404 99 | \$40,939 60 |

STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance December 1, 1883, | \$2,261 88 |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,608 84 |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 37 98 |
| | \$3,908 70 |
| Expended for books during the year, | 1,228 24 |
| | \$2,665 46 |
| Balance on deposit Nov. 29, 1884, | \$2,665 46 |

SUMMARY.

| | Nov. 30, 1883. | Nov. 29, 1884. |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balance, | \$40,404 99 | \$40,939 60 |
| Book account balance, | 2,261 88 | 2,665 46 |
| | \$42,666 87 | \$43,605 06 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 JONAS G. CLARK, } *Finance Committee.*
 SAM'L D. NYE, }

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK, *Treasurer*, in account with the Reading-room Fund
of the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY :

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| 1884. | DR. | |
| Money from City Treasurer, | | \$400 00 |
| Dec. 1. To interest on City Bonds to date, | | 800 00 |
| “ “ “ Mortgage notes, | | 273 67 |
| “ “ “ U. S. bond, | | 10 00 |
| “ “ “ Money in Savings Bank, | | 8 00 |
| “ Refunded subscription to “ Coal,” | | 1 00 |
| | Total, | \$992 67 |

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| 1884. | CR. | |
| Dec. 1. Balance due Treasurer, | | \$84 54 |
| “ By cash for subscription to newspapers and periodicals to date, | | 832 62 |
| | Total, | \$917 16 |
| 1884. Dec. 1. Balance in hands of Treasurer, | | 75 51 |

The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows :

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| City of Worcester bonds, | \$5,000 00 |
| Mortgage Notes, | 4,500 00 |
| Money in Worcester Savings Bank, | 812 65 |
| Money on deposit awaiting investment, | 1,000 00 |
| | Total amount of fund, |
| | \$10,812 65 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

F. H. DEWEY,
JONAS G. CLARK, } *Finance Committee.*
SAM'L D. NYE,

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DIRECTORS IN 1886.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| SAMUEL A. PORTER, | ALBERT WOOD, | Dec. 31, 1886. |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | " 1887. |
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | JAMES E. ESTABROOK, | " 1888. |
| ADIN THAYER, | GEORGE SWAN, | " 1889. |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | " 1890. |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | " 1891. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

JONAS G. CLARK, ALBERT WOOD,
ADIN THAYER, JAMES E. ESTABROOK, FRANCIS A. GASKILL.

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

GEORGE SWAN, E. HARLOW RUSSELL, JOHN O. MARBLE.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

SAMUEL A. PORTER, THOMAS GRIFFIN, ALBERT WOOD.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, JONAS G. CLARK, A. GEORGE BULLOCK.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.

LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS.
M. JENNIE BARBOUR, SARAH D. TUCKER.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Hon. Charles G. Reed, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Worcester :

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-sixth annual report.

The reports of the four Standing Committees of the Board, together with the report of the Librarian, and that of the Treasurer of the Reading-room Fund, are herewith transmitted.

We have continued cause to congratulate the citizens of Worcester on the growth and usefulness of the Free Public Library.

The number of bound volumes in the Library is 63,941, being an increase for the year of 2,737 volumes.

The number of volumes delivered for home use has been 147,486, as against 135,021 the previous year; the number delivered for reference use has been 58,036, as against 57,497 the previous year; making an aggregate of 205,522, or an average daily delivery of 669 volumes. This does not include the delivery on Sundays, for use within the building, of 2,076 volumes, which would make 207,598. The entire delivery for the year 1883 was 165,834 volumes, showing the astonishing *increase* in the delivery in three years of 41,764 volumes.

On a single day during the present year (Jan. 31, 1885), there was a delivery of 1,477 volumes. A mere statement of the above facts is sufficient, without comment, to prove the great value and usefulness of the Public Library to all classes of our citizens, and to entitle it to your liberal support.

The Librarian very properly calls our attention to the fact that we have been prevented from buying as many books as deemed desirable during the year, on account of being obliged to use a considerable sum from the city appropriation in improving the heating apparatus required for warming the library building. We trust that hereafter all such cases may be provided for, without rendering it necessary to use funds needed for the purchase of books.

The Reading-rooms continue to be a popular department of the Public Library. They are frequented at all hours of the day and evening, and often crowded with interested readers, for whose use two hundred and sixty-six newspapers, magazines and periodicals have been provided. On Sundays, they are opened from 2 to 9 P. M., and the average number of persons using them on that day is 249.

The amount of the Reading-room Fund is only \$10,812, originally raised by contributions from some of our own citizens. The reduced rate of interest has diminished the income, and it is insufficient. And the Directors heartily commend to some of our wealthy and liberal citizens the suggestion of the Committee on the Reading-room, that it would be a source of gratification if some citizen or citizens would find it agreeable to add to the amount of the fund a sum sufficient to make its income adequate to creditably maintain this department of the Library, without recourse to an appropriation made by the city; until this is done, an appropriation of not less than \$500 will be needed annually, in addition to the income of the present fund.

The Building Committee report that during the present year a new steel boiler for heating has been substituted for the old one, and a radiator placed in the front hall to heat a portion of the building, another room has been shelved in the basement for the accommodation of the circulating library, leaving only one more room which can be devoted to the storage of books in that department, and which will be required for that use during the next year.

In this connection the Directors desire to call your attention to that part of the report of the Librarian in which he says that the

need for increased quarters for the storage of books and consequent enlargement of the library building is imminent, and if the consideration of this matter is longer postponed we shall find ourselves seriously inconvenienced.

In the accompanying report of the Finance Committee will be found detailed statements of all the funds, and of all receipts and disbursements during the present year.

The Directors herewith submit their estimate of the amount of appropriation which will be needed for the requirements of the Public Library for the ensuing year, and while they feel that a much larger sum could be profitably expended, knowing the general advance for retrenchment in all departments of the city government, have asked only for such an appropriation as will enable them to meet the necessary wants of the Library.

It is hardly necessary for the Directors to renew, as they do, their annual statement of the value of the services of our Librarian and his continued courtesy in aiding in every way all who resort to the Library for information and investigation.

The increased use of the Library has added materially to the labors of all the assistants of the Librarian, but they have cheerfully met and satisfactorily performed all the duties of their several positions.

In behalf of the Directors,

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,

President.

Worcester, December 29, 1885.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To Hon. Francis H. Dewey, President of the Board of
Directors of the Free Public Library:*

I herewith present the twenty-sixth annual report of the Librarian. It is the fifteenth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library for the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

There has been a large increase in the use of the library during the past year, thus duplicating the experience of the previous year.

The whole number of volumes given out to readers and students is 207,598, an increase over the year before of 13,277. This use is divided among the different departments as follows: Circulating department 147,486; reference department, secular days 58,036; Sunday reference use, 2,076.

So large a growth in the use of the library is the more gratifying as it follows a very large increase in the previous year, and because it is observable in both departments, and in Sunday as well as week-day use.

The large use of the reference department has grown up almost wholly in fifteen years, and as reported here, is exclusive

of the immense use of the 266 papers, magazines and reviews to be found in the reading-rooms.

The week-day reference use, it may also be added, is almost wholly for purposes of study.

It is gratifying to note, also, that the great increase in the use of the circulating department during the past year has been brought about without lowering at all the high standard which we have always maintained in our purchases, and while on the other hand we have even raised that standard very considerably.

The use of books by scholars and teachers both in the library building and in the school-houses continues to increase, and some new experiments in doing this kind of work have been successfully tried during the year.

The whole number of volumes in the library is 63,941, an increase during the year of 2,737 volumes.

I am sorry not to be able to report a larger increase, but we were prevented from buying as many books for the Circulating and Intermediate Departments as in the previous year, on account of the necessity of using a considerable portion of the city appropriation in improving the heating apparatus required for warming the library building. The number of volumes bought for these two departments is 600 less than that reported for last year. It is very desirable that \$4,000 should be spent for additions to these portions of the Library the coming year.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. Our thanks are due to all the givers. We owe especial gratitude to the Boston Athenæum, Harvard College Library, the Boston Public Library, the Library Company of Philadelphia, and other libraries, for generously lending us many books which citizens of Worcester have wished to use, and we have greater reason to be grateful because the kindness which libraries have shown to us during the past year has been extended to us during a series of years.

It is my duty to call the attention of the Board again to the fact that the need for increased quarters for the storage of books and consequently for an enlargement of the library building is imminent. If the consideration of the matter is longer post-

poned, we shall soon find ourselves seriously inconvenienced. The nearness of the time when the space in the present building applicable to the purpose of housing the books of the Circulating Department will be exhausted is remarked upon in the report of the Building Committee. Immediate action in regard to this matter is very important.

The executive officers of the library wish me to say to the Board of Directors that they are sensible of the kindness which it manifests in all its relations with them, and are desirous of expressing gratitude for its courtesy and kind actions.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the three members of the Finance Committee, which were attached to it after examination of the account by the Committee :—

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December, 1885.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1884, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows :—

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1884, | \$197 47 | |
| Received for fines, | 476 45 | |
| " from sale of catalogues and lists of books, | 127 87 | |
| " from deposits by persons not regularly allowed | | |
| to take out books, | 29 00 | |
| " from the sale of books, waste-paper, etc., | 7 90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$838 19 |
| Paid in return of deposits, etc., | \$ 28 89 | |
| " W. S. Barton, city treasurer, | 603 68 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$682 02 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1885, | 206 17 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$838 19 |

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| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | | |
| SAMUEL D. NYE, | | |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,689 87 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 894 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,084 72 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 2,878 50 |
| " " fines, | 478 81 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 127 87 |
| Payments for missing and damaged books, | 5 00 |
| Sundries (including \$0.61, the amount received from de- positors in excess of the amount returned to them), | 6 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$17,525 55 |
| Cash on hand at last report :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,665 46 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 75 51 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 197 47 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,938 44 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$20,463 99 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,714 64 |
| City appropriation, | 8,155 83 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,869 97 |
| Periodicals :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$ 37 87 |
| City appropriation, | 488 05 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 486 93 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$962 85 |
| Binding, | 958 75 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Repairs and additions, } | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | \$1,521 75 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Fuel, | 276 82 |
| Lights, | 801 20 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,708 00 |
| Cataloguing, | 541 66 |
| Extra service, | 1,216 17 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$139 66 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 115 91 |
| Postage, | 109 86 |
| Sundries:—Water for elevator, etc., | \$ 98 31 |
| Printing report, | 48 98 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage and minor running expenses, | 272 41 |

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | \$414 70 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 61 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$17,722 50 |

Cash on hand December 1, 1885:—

| | |
|--|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,552 82 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 206 17 |

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| | \$2,758 99 |
| Reading-room Fund (deficit), | 20 57 |

\$2,788 42

| | |
|--|-------------|
| | \$20,460 92 |
| Municipal appropriation transferred to the Sinking Fund, | 3 07 |

\$20,463 99

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase:—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 344 |
| Intermediate Department, | 495 |
| Circulating Department, | 1,479 |

2,318

Increase of volumes by gifts:—

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Intermediate Department, | 468 |
| Circulating Department, | 30 |

498

Increase of volumes by binding periodicals:—

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Green Library, | 21 |
| Intermediate Department, | 291 |
| Circulating Department, | 35 |

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| | | |
|---|--------|-------------|
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library :— | | |
| Intermediate Department, | | 6 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report :— | | |
| Circulating Department, | | 1 |
| | | <hr/> 8,170 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report :— | | |
| Green Library (three volumes bound together; to count hereafter as one volume only), | 2 | |
| Intermediate Department, | 208 | |
| Circulating Department, | 201 | |
| | <hr/> | 411 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report :— | | |
| Circulating Department, | | 22 |
| | | <hr/> 438 |
| Net increase for the year, | | 2,787 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported :— | | |
| Green Library, | 20,961 | |
| Intermediate Department, | 14,107 | |
| Circulating Department, | 26,186 | |
| | <hr/> | 61,204 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | 68,941 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase :— | | |
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Intermediate Department, | 40 | |
| | <hr/> | 41 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts :— | | |
| Intermediate Department, | | 861 |
| | | <hr/> 402 |
| Number of unbound pamphlets withdrawn, | | 7 |
| Net increase for the year, | | 895 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for :— | | |
| Reading-room fund, | | 104 |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | | 41 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for :— | | |
| Reading-room fund, | 79 | |
| Green Library fund, | 7 | |
| City fund, | 24 | |
| | <hr/> | 110 |
| Number of magazines given to Reading-room, | | 11 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating Department was open, | 807 |
| Number of days the Reference Department was open, | 859 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 865 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 147,486 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 58,086 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating Department, 480; Reference Department, 189), | 669 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), January 31, 1885, (Largest in Circulating Department, January 31, 1,171 volumes; in Reference Department, March 23, 435 volumes). | 1,477 |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), July 2, (Smallest in Circulating Department, October 13, 218 volumes; in Reference Department, July 2, 45 volumes). | 308 |
| Number of books lost and paid for:— | |
| Circulating Department, | 4 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for:— | |
| Circulating Department, | 18 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn:— | |
| Intermediate Department, | 206 |
| Circulating Department, | 201 |
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| | 409 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 6,020 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 2,289 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,886 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1873), | 27,009 |

SUNDAY USE.

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| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,184 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 8,774 |
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| Total number, | 12,958 |
| Average number of persons, per Sunday, using the rooms, | 249 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, March 8, | 386 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 19, | 87 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 2,076 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 40 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Adams, Charles Kendall, <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> , | | 1 | School Committee, Public Library, | 15 | 3 |
| Addeman, J. M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 | Boston University, | | 2 |
| Albany, Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement, | | 1 | Bostonian Society, | | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | 1 | 2 | Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | | 1 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 8 folded sheets, | | 2 | Bradlee, C. D., <i>Boston</i> , 1 folded sheet, 3 sheets, | | 1 |
| American Home Missionary Society, | | 19 | Bradley, C. S., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 2 | 2 | Bridge, Samuel J., <i>Roxbury</i> , | | 1 |
| American Unitarian Association, | | 1 | Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Amherst College. | | 1 | Brookline Public Library, | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 8 folded sheets, 3 newspapers, | 2 | 1 | Brooklyn, <i>N. Y.</i> , Civil Service Commission, | | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | 19 | Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 4 |
| Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, | | 1 | Brooks, Arthur A., <i>Greenfield</i> , | | 1 |
| Archæological Institute of America, | 1 | 1 | Browne, D. L. Scott, <i>New York</i> , | 8 | 1 |
| Armstrong, S. C., <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , | | 1 | Burrill, T. J., <i>Champaign, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Arundel Society, 2 folded sheets. | | 1 | Cambridge, <i>England</i> . Public Free Library, | | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | 1 | Cambridge Civil Service Reform Association, | | 1 |
| Barber, Miss R. E. | 2 | 1 | Cambridge Public Library, <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | 1 | Cardiff Free Library, Museum and Science and Art Schools, <i>Cardiff, Wales</i> , | | 1 |
| Bartlett, Theodore H. | 1 | 1 | Chalmers, Patrick, <i>Wimbledon, Eng.</i> , 3 circulars. | | 1 |
| Bates, Theodore C. | | 2 | Chamberlain, Mellen, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Berry, John M., 2 newspapers, 11 Circulars, | | 1 | Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad Company, | | 1 |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | | 1 | Chicago Public Library, | | 1 |
| Birmingham Free Library Committee, | | 3 | Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Blair, H. W., <i>U. S. S.</i> , | 4 | 1 | Cincinnati Board of Education, Cincinnati Public Library, | 1 | 2 |
| Blanchard, F. S. & Co., 1 newspaper. | | 1 | Cleveland Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Boston, City of, | 2 | 1 | Cogswell, E. R., <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| City Council. | 3 | 1 | Colby University, <i>Waterville Me.</i> , | | 1 |
| | | | College of the Holy Cross, <i>Worcester</i> . | | 1 |

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| | Books. | | Books. |
| Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , 2 folded sheets, | 2 10 |
| Concord Free Public Library, <i>Concord, Mass.</i> , | 1 | Green, Samuel S., 4 newspapers, 1 sheet. 1 card, | 8 25 |
| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 1 | Greene, J. Evarts, | 1 |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | Groton Public Library, | 1 |
| Coxe, Robert E., | 1 | Hamilton, Frank H., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 |
| Crosby, W. O., <i>Boston</i> , 1 folded sheet, | 1 | Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , 1 folded sheet, | 2 |
| Crunden, Frederick M., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | 1 | Harris, George W., <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | 1 |
| Curry, S. S., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Harrison, George L., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 |
| Dalton, Joseph G., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Harrison, J. B., <i>Franklin Falls, N. H.</i> , 1 folded sheet. | 1 |
| Damon, Mrs. Charles B., | 1 | Hartford Library Association, | 8 |
| Dana, John A., | 1 | Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., | 1 |
| Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, <i>Davenport, Iowa</i> , | 1 | Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 4 |
| Davis, Horace, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | 1 | Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 |
| Devens, Charles, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Theological Faculty, | 1 |
| Dodge, Reuben Rawson, | 14 | Hathorne, W. H., | 1 |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 14 | Hawley, Goodrich & Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | 1 | Highland Military Academy, <i>Worcester</i> , | 1 |
| Dwight, Mrs. Thomas., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Hill, Frances A., | 2 |
| Edes, Henry H., <i>Charlestown</i> , | 1 | Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, 1 sheet. | 1 |
| Ellis, George H., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Hitchcock, S. A., | 1 |
| Emmanuel College, <i>Cambridge, Eng.</i> , | 1 | Hoar, Geo. F., <i>U.S.S.</i> , 1 sheet. | 107 12 |
| Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> , | 1 | Houghton, Mifflin & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 |
| Estabrook, George H., | 1 | Howe, Mrs. E. S., | 11 |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | Howland, Henry J., 1 programme, | 2 |
| Fall River Public Library, | 1 | Huling, Ray Greene, <i>Fitchburg</i> , | 2 |
| First Parish, <i>Hingham</i> , | 1 | Indianapolis Public Library, | 1 |
| Foster, W. E., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , 1 newspaper, | 2 | Iowa Agricultural College, | 1 |
| Francis, George E., 1 newspaper, | 2 | Ames, <i>Iowa</i> , | 1 |
| Frazar, Everett, <i>New York City</i> , | 7 | Jenkins, James, 1 manuscript letter. | 1 |
| Friends' Free Reading Room and Library, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | 1 | Johns Hopkins University, | 12 |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | Kansas State Board of Agriculture, | 1 1 |
| Glasgow, E. B., 2 folded sheets, | 6 | Ladies' Benevolent Society of First Unitarian Church, 1 folded sheet. | 1 |
| Gould, George, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | Ladies' Commission on Sunday School Books, | 1 |
| Gow, George B., <i>Glens Falls, N. Y.</i> , 1 newspaper, | 1 | Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Library, | 1 |
| Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City</i> , | 6 15 | Lawrence Free Public Library, | 1 |

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| Lea Brothers & Co., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | | Mercantile Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 8 |
| Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | Mercantile Library of Philadelphia, | | 2 |
| Leeds, Josiah W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | | Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco, | | 1 |
| Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library and Museum, | 1 | | Mercantile Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 2 |
| Leicester Academy, 2 numbers of a paper, | 1 | 1 | Middlesex Mechanics' Association, <i>Lowell</i> , | | 1 |
| Leicester Public Library, | | 1 | Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, Bulletins, | | 1 |
| Leominster, Town of, | | 1 | Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Levi Parsons Library, <i>Gloversville, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 | Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Library Company of Philadelphia, | | 2 | Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | 1 |
| Lincoln, Edward S., | 1 | 5 | Munn & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 |
| Lincoln Library, Trustees of, | 1 | | Museum of Comparative Zoölogy through Alexander Agassiz, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 13 |
| Linderfelt, Klas August, <i>Milwaukee, Wis.</i> , | 1 | | National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, <i>Milwaukee Co., Wis.</i> , | | 1 |
| Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 | National Newspaper Agency, <i>Quincy, Mich.</i> , | | 1 |
| London, <i>England</i> , Corporation of the City of London, | 2 | | New Bedford Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Lovell, John W. & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | New England Conservatory of Music, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Lynn Public Library, | 1 | | New Jersey State Library, <i>Newark, N. J.</i> , | 1 | |
| Malden Public Library, | | 1 | New York State Library, | 4 | 3 |
| Manchester, <i>England</i> , Public Free Libraries, | | 1 | Newburyport Public Library, | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | | 1 | Newton Free Library, | | 1 |
| Marble, Albert P., | 1 | | Niagara Falls Association, | | 1 |
| Marble, J. O., | | 3 | North Brookfield Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| Marlboro' Public Library, | | 1 | North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>Raleigh, N. C.</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, Board of Railroad Commissioners, | 1 | | Northboro Free Library, | | 1 |
| Secretary of Commonwealth, | 10 | | Northrop, B. G., <i>Clinton, Conn.</i> , | | 2 |
| State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, | 1 | | 1 folded sheet. | | 1 |
| State Library, | | 1 | Noyes, Henry D. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton</i> , | | | Orr, Mrs. Sutherland, <i>London</i> , | | |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | <i>Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | Palne, Nathaniel, | 1 | 5 |
| Massachusetts Baptist Convention, | | | Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, | | | Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | | 1 |
| May, Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> . 1 sheet, | 1 | 11 | Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Mechanics' Institute, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> | 1 | | | | |

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| City Hospital, | | | 1 Young Men's Association, <i>Buf-</i> | | |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | | 1 <i>falo, N. Y.,</i> | | 1 |
| Worcester Academy, | | | 1 Young Men's Christian Associ- | | |
| Worcester County Free Institute | | | ation, <i>New York City,</i> | | 1 |
| of Industrial Science, | | | 1 Young Men's Christian Associ- | | |
| Worcester County Horticultu- | | | ation, <i>Worcester,</i> | | 1 |
| ral Society, | | | 1 Young Men's Library, <i>Buffalo,</i> | | |
| Worcester County Musical As- | | | <i>N. Y.,</i> Bulletins, | | 1 |
| sociation, | 1 | | 1 Young Men's Mercantile Libra- | | |
| Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | | 2 ry Association, <i>Cincinnati,</i> | | |
| Wright, W. H. K., <i>Plymouth,</i> | | | <i>Ohio,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>Eng.,</i> | 1 | | | | |
| Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.,</i> | 4 | | | 498 | 459 |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

Eleven meetings have been held by the Committee on the Library during the year.

A minute account is given in the report of the Librarian of the work which has been done in the province of this Committee, and reference is made to that report for information which it is unnecessary to repeat here.

The number of books purchased with money from the city appropriation has been 600 smaller than that which represents the purchases of the previous year. It was anticipated at the beginning of the year that such would be the case as, owing to extensive improvements which had to be made in our heating apparatus, the amount of money available from the appropriation for buying books was five or six hundred dollars less than last year.

It is very desirable that we should have an appropriation which will enable us to spend \$4,000 for books from the city appropriation the coming year.

Purchases have been made during the year in accordance with votes of the committee as follows:—

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| For the Green Library, | 344 volumes. |
| “ Intermediate Department, | 495 “ |
| “ Circulating Department, | 1479 “ |

It is gratifying to note that notwithstanding the comparatively small number of books bought, the increase in the use of the Library has been large.

It is the opinion of the Committee that every effort has been made by the executive officers of the Library to gratify the wishes of readers and students, and it is its belief that its affairs have been administered to the general satisfaction of the community.

JONAS G. CLARK.

ALBERT WOOD.

ADIN THAYER.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The use of the Reading-rooms has continued to increase during the past year and is very large.

It is necessary year by year to add to the list of papers and magazines taken here (the popular satisfaction found in periodical literature being so great as it is), and this fact, taken in connection with the circumstance that the rate of interest at which the Reading-room Fund can be kept safely invested has materially decreased, makes it necessary to ask yearly for a somewhat larger sum from the City Government to supply reading matter enough for the users of the Reading-rooms. \$500 will be needed for the present year, in addition to the income from the Reading-room Fund.

The committee would be very much gratified should some citizen or citizens find it convenient and agreeable to add to the amount of that fund a sum sufficient to make its income at current rates of interest, adequate to creditably maintain this department of the library without recourse to money raised by taxation.

Appended to this report is a list of newspapers and other periodicals which were taken here during the past year and on it are marked such of those as have been added to our list or dropped from it since it was last reported on.

The number of newspapers, literary, historical, scientific and illustrated papers, magazines, reviews, etc., subscribed for or

given to the library and which have been laid on our tables or placed on racks for the use of readers during the year just closed is 214. Besides this number 52 periodicals have been given to us. For these gifts the committee desires to express especial thanks because of their number and value, and for the reason that they show a marked interest in the library on the part of proprietors of periodicals and other friends.

All the papers and other periodicals in the Reading-rooms are publicly displayed, and no application on the part of readers is necessary in order to get access to them; everybody is free to circulate among them at will. The losses consequent upon this practice are trifling and not to be considered for a moment in comparison with the advantages which readers derive from being able to rummage unrestricted among serial publications.

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| GEO. SWAN, | } Committee on Reading-room. |
| W. A. WILLIAMS. | |
| E. H. RUSSELL. | |

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS SUBSCRIBED FOR.

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| Academy, The. | Army and navy journal. |
| Albany evening journal. | L'Art. |
| Allehanda för Folket. | *Art amateur, The. |
| Allgemeine Zeitung. | Art interchange, The. |
| American agriculturalist. | Art journal, The. |
| American antiquarian. | Athenæum, The. |
| American architect and building news. | Atlantic monthly. |
| American bookseller, The. | Auk, The. |
| American Catholic quarterly review. | Baltimore American. |
| American journal of numismatics. | Banker's magazine, The. |
| American journal of philology. | *Bay state monthly, The. |
| American journal of science. | Berkshire courier, The. |
| American naturalist, The. | Bibliotheca sacra. |
| American Society of Civil Engineers, Transactions. | Blackwood's Edinburgh magazine. |
| *Analyst, The. | Book-lore. |
| Andover review, The. | Bookseller, The. |
| Antiquary, The. | Boston commonwealth. |
| Architektonisches Skizzen-Buch. | Boston daily advertiser. |
| | Boston evening transcript. |
| | Boston evening journal. |

- Boston evening traveller.
 Boston globe.
 Boston herald.
 Boston post.
 British quarterly review.
 Brunonian, The.
 Bulder, The.
 ‡Bulletin of Massachusetts Natural History.
 Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club.
 Carriage monthly.
 *Carpentry and building.
 Catholic world, The.
 Century, The.
 Chambers's journal.
 Chemical news, The.
 †Chicago legal news.
 Chicago tribune.
 Cincinnati commercial gazette.
 Commercial and financial chronicle.
 Commercial bulletin.
 Comptes rendus.
 Connecticut courant.
 Contemporary review, The.
 Cornhill magazine, The.
 Critic, The.
 Cultivator and country gentlemen.
 Daily graphic, The.
 Detroit weekly tribune.
 Deutsche Montags-Blatt.
 Deutsche Rundschau.
 Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal.
 Eclectic magazine.
 Edinburgh review, The.
 Education.
 Electrician and Electrical engineer, The.
 Engineer, The.
 Engineering and mining journal, The.
 Engineering news.
 English illustrated magazine, The.
 Essex county mercury.
 L'Evenement.
 Evening post, The.
 Evening standard, The.
 Evening star, The.
 *Every other Saturday.
 Forest and stream.
 Fortnightly review, The.
 Le français.
 Fresenius Zeitschrift für Analytische Chemie.
 Gaelic journal, The.
 Garde-meuuble, Le.
 Gardeners' monthly, The.
 Gentleman's magazine, The.
 Gewerbehalle.
 Good words.
 Graphic, The.
 Harper's bazaar.
 Harper's new monthly magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Harvard advocate, The.
 Harvard lampoon, The.
 Ibis, The.
 Illustrated London news, The.
 L'Illustration.
 Illustrerad tidning.
 Independent, The.
 Independent statesman, The.
 Iron.
 Iron age, The.
 Iron trade circular.
 Journal de menuiserie.
 Journal manuel de peintures.
 Journal of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.
 Journal of the Chemical Society.
 Journal of education.
 *Journal of education (London).
 Journal of the Franklin Institute.
 Journal of science, The.
 Journal of philology.
 Journal of the Society of Arts.
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry.
 Journal of speculative philosophy.
 Kennebec journal, The.
 Keynote, The.
 Latine.
 Library chronicle, The.
 Library journal.
 Life.
 Lippincott's magazine.
 Literary world, The.
 Littell's living age.

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| Liverpool weekly mercury, The. | Press, The. |
| Le livre. | Providence daily journal. |
| London, Edinburgh and Dublin philosophical magazine. | Psyche. |
| Longman's magazine. | Public opinion. |
| Lowell weekly journal. | Publishers' weekly, The. |
| Macmillan's magazine. | Punch. |
| Magazine of American history, The. | Quarterly journal of inebriety, The. |
| Mail, The. | Quarterly review. |
| Maine state press. | *Railroad gazette. |
| Manufacturer and builder, The. | Revue des deux mondes. |
| Mind. | Royal Geographical Society. Proceedings. |
| Mining and scientific press. | St. Louis globe-democrat. |
| Mining journal, The. | St. Nicholas. |
| Montreal weekly herald. | Sanitarian. |
| Nation, The. | Saturday review, The. |
| National review, The. | Science. |
| Nature. | Scientific American. |
| New England historical and genealogical register. | Scientific American supplement. |
| New Englander. | Shakespeariana. |
| New York daily tribune. | Spectator, The. |
| New York herald. | Spirit of the times. |
| New York times. | Springfield daily republican. |
| News and courier, The. | †Stimmen aus Maria Laach. |
| Nineteenth century, The. | Student's journal, The. |
| North American review, The. | Sunday review, The. |
| Notes and queries. | Telegraphic journal and Electrical review. |
| La nouvelle revue. | Travelers' official guide. |
| Outing. | United service gazette. |
| *Overland monthly, The. | United States official postal guide. |
| Pall mall budget. | Van Nostrand's engineering magazine. |
| Pennsylvania magazine of history and biography. | Weekly alta California. |
| Philadelphia photographer, The. | Weekly freeman and Irish agriculturist. |
| Photographic times, The. | Weekly Scotsman, The. |
| Phrenological journal, The. | Westminster review, The. |
| Pilot, The. | Woonsocket patriot. |
| Polybiblion. | ‡Worcester county naturalist, The. |
| Popular science monthly. | Worcester daily spy. |
| Popular science news and Boston journal of chemistry. | Worcester evening gazette. |
| Portfolio, The. | World, The. |
| | Yale courant. |

*Began to take this year. †Discontinued. ‡Publication discontinued.

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, | Publishers. |
| American gas light journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| American machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bookbuyer, | Publishers. |
| Boston sentinel, | Publishers. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufactures, | Association. |
| *Caldwell tribune, | Publishers. |
| Christian leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| *College argus, | E. A. Welch. |
| Congressional record, | W. W. Rice. |
| Le courier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Day star, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Evesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Good cheer, | Publishers. |
| Home missionary, | Publishers. |
| Index, | Publishers. |
| L'Independent, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Mid-Weekly, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Official gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| Public ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| Signs of the times, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sunday herald, | Anonymous. |
| Le travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftsian, | Tufts College. |
| Universalist quarterly, | S. D. Harding. |
| Union signal, | James A. Norcross. |

Unitarian review,
Voice,
Watchman,
Worcester daily spy,
Worcester daily times,
Worcester evening gazette,
*Worcester home journal,
World's crisis,
Zion's herald,

American Unitarian Association.
Funk & Wagnalls.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Anonymous.

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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

Our old boiler having proved inadequate to heat so much space as it has latterly been necessary to warm, it became important that a new one should be procured. During last summer a larger steel boiler has been substituted for the old one. A radiator has been placed in the front hall to heat a portion of the building that has been found very cold during recent winters.

Another room in the basement has been shelved during the year for the accommodation of the accumulation of the Circulating Department. One more room is left which can be devoted to the storage of books in that department. Another year that room will be required and when it has been filled the capacity of the building for housing the books of the Circulating Department will be exhausted.

Certain repairs should have been made last year but it was necessary to put off making them, so much money was needed in renewing and improving the heating apparatus.

Four hundred dollars will be asked for with which to do this and other work. The estimates for coal, gas and water will be about the same as last year excepting that the amount to be spent for gas will have to be slightly increased to meet the consumption caused by the addition of a few new burners in the Circulating Department.

S. A. PORTER.
SAM'L D. NYE.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Finance Committee herewith submit the financial statement of the Free Public Library and the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1885.

The result showing the present amount of the Green Library Fund to be \$41,471.79, an increase from the previous year of \$532.19.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$12,000 and from dog-license money, fines, and miscellaneous receipts at the library, \$3,482.13, making a total of resources \$15,482.13, and the expenditures were \$15,479.06, leaving a balance of \$3.07. An examination of the details of the expenditures will show that they have been judiciously and economically made.

The Committee herewith present for your consideration their estimate of the necessary expenditures for the coming year.

Besides the ordinary expenditures, it is very desirable that an appropriation should be made sufficient for the purchase of a safe suitable for the preservation of valuable papers and records which in case of their loss could not be replaced.

The Committee desire to express their satisfaction with the accuracy with which the accounts of William S. Barton, Esq., the City Treasurer, are kept relative to the funds of the library.

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| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | } <i>Finance</i> <i>Committee.</i> |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | |
| SAM'L D. NYE, | |

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending November 30, 1885.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 2,878 50 |
| Fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 603 63 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,482 13 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Binding, | \$958 75 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 189 66 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 113 66 |
| Freight, postage stamps, expressage, and minor running expenses, | 314 77 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 97 18 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 65 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 8 25 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 1,521 75 |
| Coal and wood, | 276 82 |
| Gas, | 801 20 |
| Water, | 98 31 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 3,124 66 |
| Salary of Librarian, | 2,500 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 625 00 |
| Additional library service, | 1,216 17 |
| Insurance, | 25 00 |
| Books, | 3,243 38 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room Fund), | 350 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,479 06 |
| Balance to sinking fund, | 8 07 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,482 13 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 JONAS G. CLARK, } *Finance Committee.*
 SAMUEL D. NYE, }

GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

Nov. 30, 1885.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1885, is as follows:

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$987 22 | |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 398 50 | |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 617 26 | |
| Bank tax refunded, | 116 87 | |
| Interest on National Bank deposits, | 8 89 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,128 74 |

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|---|-----------|
| Of this income, there has been added to the permanent fund one-fourth part, viz., | \$ 532 19 |
| And to the book account three-fourths, viz., | 1,596 55 |
| | <hr/> |

\$2,128 74

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT FUND.

| | Nov. 29, 1884. | Nov. 30, 1885. |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$18,101 00 | \$16,751 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,300 00 | 7,300 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 15,538 60 | 16,420 79 |
| National Bank deposits, | | 1,000 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$40,939 60 | \$41,471 79 |

STATEMENT OF BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance December 1, 1884, | \$2,665 46 |
| Three-fourths of annual income of permanent fund, | 1,596 55 |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 48 82 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$4,805 33 |
| Expended for books during the year, | 1,752 51 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, November 30, 1885, | \$2,552 82 |

SUMMARY.

| | Nov. 29, 1884. | Nov. 30, 1885. |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balance, | \$40,939 60 | \$41,471 79 |
| Book account balance, | 2,665 46 | 2,552 82 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$43,605 06 | \$44,024 61 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
 JONAS G. CLARK, } Finance Committee.
 SAM'L D. NYE, }

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund of the Free Public Library:—

| | | | |
|--|-----|------------|-------------|
| 1885. | DR. | | |
| Balance of cash as per last report, | | \$ 75 51 | |
| Dec. 1. Money received of City, | | 350 00 | |
| Interest on City Bond, | | 150 00 | |
| “ “ Mortgage notes, | | 200 00 | |
| “ “ Money in Savings Banks, | | 44 85 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$820 36 |
| 1885. | CR. | | |
| Dec. 1. By Cash for subscriptions to periodicals and newspapers to date, | | \$886 98 | |
| Postage and stationery, | | 4 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | | \$840 98 |
| 1885. Dec. 1. Balance due Treasurer, | | | 20 57 |
| The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows:— | | | |
| Mortgage notes, | | \$8,500 00 | |
| Deposited in Savings Banks, | | 7,312 65 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Total amount of fund, | | | \$10,812 65 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK,
Treasurer.

The within report examined and approved.

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| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, JONAS G. CLARK, SAM'L D. NYE, | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
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DIRECTORS IN 1887.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| JONAS G. CLARK, | FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | Dec. 31, 1887. |
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | JAMES E. ESTABROOK, | " 1888. |
| ADIN THAYER, | GEORGE SWAN, | " 1889. |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | " 1890. |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | " 1891. |
| HENRY H. MERRIAM, | MOSES H. HARRIS, | " 1892. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

JONAS G. CLARK, ADIN THAYER, JAMES E. ESTABROOK,
FRANCIS A. GASKILL, E. HARLOW RUSSELL.

COMMITTEE ON READING-ROOM.

GEORGE SWAN, JOHN O. MARBLE, MOSES H. HARRIS.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

THOMAS GRIFFIN, ADIN THAYER, HENRY H. MERRIAM.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, JONAS G. CLARK, A. GEORGE BULLOCK.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.

LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS,
M. JENNIE BARBOUR, SARAH D. TUCKER.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Hon. Samuel Winslow, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Worcester :—

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-seventh annual report.

The citizens of Worcester have continued cause for congratulation on the growth and usefulness of the Free Public Library.

The whole number of bound volumes in the Library is 66,909, being an increase during the year of 2,968 volumes.

The number of volumes delivered for home use was 137,790, and the number of volumes delivered for reference use was 62,176, making an aggregate of 199,966 volumes, during the year ; this does not include the delivery on Sunday, for use within the building of 1,849 volumes, which would make the whole number 201,815.

The largest daily delivery from the main library was on Feb. 13, 1886, 1,363 volumes. Smallest daily delivery April 6, 1886, 261 volumes. The increase in the use of books in the reference department has been very marked, the number delivered for use the last year having been 62,176, as against 43,414 in the year 1881, and 27,694 in the year 1876. The use of books by scholars and teachers has continued to increase and a new feature in the Library-work for their benefit has been the deposit of a small number of books of that class which would be most useful to the scholars and teachers in the rooms of the four upper grades of schools occupying the Dix street Grammar school Building ; this experiment has worked most successfully and has been most

highly commended by the Principal and Teachers in said school and an extension of the same plan is recommended by the Librarian.

The Library Committee ask the City Government to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 the present year to be expended for books for the general public and \$1,000 additional for school purposes, which request has been approved by the Board of Directors.

The Reading-rooms are open every day and evening of the week except on Sundays when they are open from 2 to 9 P. M.

One hundred and fifty newspapers and one hundred and twenty-four magazines are provided for the free use of our citizens. The average number of persons using the rooms on Sunday is 270; during the other days of the week the rooms are frequently crowded. The principal of the Reading-room fund is \$10,812, the income thereof the past year was \$437.48, and the expenditures for newspapers and periodicals were \$847, the balance above the income of the Reading-room fund having been paid from the appropriation for the Public Library.

The principal of the Green Library Fund is now \$42,012, the income thereof during the year was \$2,160.86. By the terms of the will of Dr. John Green, one-fourth of the income of said fund, is to be forever annually added to the principal, and three-fourths of the income of said fund, till the fund reaches the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, is to be applied to the purchase of books for consultation and reference, to be used only in the library building.

The number of books added by purchase to the Green Library during the past year has been 541, many of them rare and valuable.

The report of the Building Committee states that very little money has been expended on the building during the past year, but that it will be necessary to expend \$500 during the next year for ordinary repairs and replacing some of the old radiators, by those of more modern construction. It will be necessary to fit up another room in the basement to accommodate the circulating library, the expense of which is estimated by the Superintendent of Public Buildings at \$500. When this room has been filled with books there will be no more space available for future additions to the circulating library.

The Building Committee, the Library Committee, and the Librarian all express the most decided opinion that it is necessary at once to secure additional land, and to take immediate measures to enlarge the library building, in which opinion the Board of directors concurs, and they trust that the City Government will at an early day take favorable action to this end.

From the report of the Finance Committee it appears that the receipts of the Free Public Library for the past year from the City appropriation, the dog license money and other sources were \$16,041.52, and the amount of expenditures the same, full details of which are given in the report of the Committee.

The Directors ask an appropriation for the requirements of the Free Public Library for the ensuing year, of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, which is the least sum that in their judgment is required for all the many necessary expenditures, while making only a very moderate provision for the purchase of books. Full details of the estimated expenditures are set forth in the Report of the Finance Committee.

The Directors feel that considering the freedom and usefulness of the Library to all classes of our citizens, the amount of the appropriation asked for is very moderate compared with appropriations asked by many other departments.

The report of the Standing Committees, together with the report of the Treasurer of the Reading Room, and the very full and interesting report of the Librarian, are herewith transmitted; they state very fully and clearly the work of the last year.

The Librarian and his assistants have continued to aid in every way all who resort to the Library for information and investigation, and all the duties of their several positions have been satisfactorily performed.

In behalf of the Directors,

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To the Hon. Francis H. Dewey, President of the Board of
Directors of the Free Public Library :*

I herewith present the twenty-seventh annual report of the Librarian. It is the sixteenth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

There has been a considerable increase in the use of the reference department the past year. It is interesting to note occasionally the growth in the use of this department. Sixteen years ago it was not used at all. The figures which represent its use during the last sixteen years are as follows: 7,321, 12,408, 15,672, 20,550, 22,833, 27,694, 27,694, 30,079, 34,311, 40,866, 43,414, 48,846, 52,305, 57,497, 58,036 and 62,176. In making a comparison between the record of the year now reported on and that of the earlier years, in which present plans were used, it should be borne in mind that there has not only been a large increase in the number of volumes used in the reference department from year to year, but that the character of the books used has changed.

Whereas when the new plans were adopted we had room enough to give out large numbers of volumes of illustrated papers and stories to be examined within the building, for several years past we have had to restrict users of the reference department to an almost exclusive use of books needed for study and serious reading.

The use of the papers, magazines and reviews to be found in the Green Library room is not included, of course, in the number of volumes reported as representing the use of volumes in the reference library room.

For the first time during several years there appears a falling off in the use of the circulating department. The number of volumes given out the past year is larger, however, than that of the year before the last and is still very large. The decrease may readily be accounted for by the gratifying fact that men and women have been more generally at work the past year than they were the year before.

The whole number of volumes given out to readers and students the past year is 199,319. This use is divided among the different departments as follows: Circulating department 136,745; reference department 60,725; Sunday reference use 1,849.

14,062 persons have used the reading-rooms on Sunday as against 12,958 last year.

The use of books by scholars and teachers, in the library building and in the school-houses, continues to increase. 800 volumes belonging to the library are in use in the different school-rooms of the city, on the average, every day that the schools are in session besides those in the special libraries immediately to be spoken of.

Some new experiments in work done by the library for schools have been successfully tried the past year.

At the beginning of the school year, last September, a small library of the books that would be most useful to the scholars and teachers it was designed to aid was put into the room of each of the four upper grades of schools occupying the Dix street grammar school building.

These libraries are to remain there at present. Additions will be made to them occasionally, and books which cease to be of value for school uses will be returned to the general library. It was thought that if the teachers could have a considerable number of books always at hand, the studies of the schools could be pursued to greatly increased advantage.

This has proved to be the case and the teachers in the rooms of the Dix-street School-house, which have been provided with libraries, are enthusiastic in their expressions regarding the benefit they have been to themselves and the scholars in doing school work.

I am inclined to think, too, that the enthusiasm and intelligence displayed by the principal and his assistants in the use of the books placed at their disposal has been such that not only have they been found of great value as aids in study, but also, that the teachers, by means of them, have practically controlled the home reading of the scholars under their charge and turned it into good channels. This latter work has been accomplished without the exertion of force and without interference with the natural impulses of pupils. It has been done by the simple means of exciting an interest in a subject and then giving the scholar a book to satisfy the desire for knowledge awakened, or by creating an interest in some book by pointing out the entertaining features in it. It is noticeable, but not surprising, that parents, also, like to read the books provided for their children.

I have received the following report from the Principal of the Dix-street school in regard to the use of the libraries in the School-house between the dates of September 6 and November 23: 925 volumes were used for home reading, and the books were used for reference certainly 1,451 times and probably 1,651 times. This use of books in the Dix-street School is additional to that of books taken out on Teachers' and Pupils' cards held by the teachers and on cards belonging to individual scholars, or used by them, although taken out by their parents or older brothers and sisters.

It is additional, also, to the use of fifty or sixty copies of Coffin's Boys of '76 and Mrs. Richardson's History of the

United States furnished to the Principal of the school to enable the scholars in the ninth grade to study the history of the American Revolution topically.

The copies of Mrs. Richardson's history having served their purpose in the Dix-street School for the present year will now be furnished to another school, which will use them in reviewing topically the study of the Revolution.

The figures just given are not included in those presented in an earlier portion of this report to show the use of the reference and circulating departments of the library. They ought properly, however, to be added to them, and if we add them and also the home use of the books by Coffin and Mrs. Richardson, called 120, the total use of the reference library would be 62,176, and of the circulating department 137,790. Then adding to these amounts the Sunday use and we should have a grand total of 201,815 as the use for the year of the books of our library, supposing, which is far from being the case, that the books taken home are only read by one person.

Other smaller experiments besides those already mentioned have been tried with success during the past year for the benefit of the schools, but I will not pause to describe them.

It is gratifying to remark that the plans for aiding schools systematically, which this library was a pioneer in adopting, and which it has been influential in proving to be advantageous and feasible, have during the last few years been finding their way into libraries all over the country in large cities, small cities, and in large and small towns. It would be easy to mention the names of one hundred places in which school work is made a feature and in nearly all libraries the importance of this kind of work is appreciated and such aid as can be given is informally or systematically rendered.

\$1,000 will be asked for from the City Government to enable us to continue and add to the facilities now afforded to schools during the year on which we are now entering.

The whole number of volumes in the library is 66,909, an increase during the year of 2,968 volumes. These figures would have been larger if we had not sent away 760 duplicates and

deducted this number from the numbers representing the total number of volumes in the library and the increase during the year.

The Superintendent of Documents, an officer of the United States Department of the Interior, has established in his rooms a kind of clearing-house for public documents. Libraries and individuals that have duplicates which they have no use for send such documents to him and with them lists of such publications of the government as they need, and an effort is made to supply all library wants in this way.

This library sent 200 volumes of government publications to Washington year before last, and during the past year, as has been stated, 760 volumes.

I shall give away other duplicates the coming year, so as to make as much room as possible for the yearly accessions of books.

Large numbers of books have to be condemned every year, because worn out by use, and taken out of the library.

The City Council will be asked to appropriate \$4,000 to buy books with the coming year in addition to the amount asked for to aid in doing a portion of the school work. This is a small sum to use in meeting the reasonable wants of citizens; such wants as we have led them to believe we are ready to attend to. Investigation increases apace and new subjects arise which excite attention. New books are being continually published treating of fresh subjects of interest, or adding to our knowledge respecting matters that are old or regarding them from new points of view. If there is to be life in a library it must constantly buy new books. It must buy, too, no inconsiderable numbers of them.

In my last report there occurred the following passage :

"It is my duty to call the attention of the Board again to the fact that the need for increased quarters for the storage of books and consequently for an enlargement of the library building is imminent. If the consideration of the matter is longer postponed we shall soon find ourselves seriously inconvenienced."

I quote these words in order to emphasize them and to add my testimony regarding our needs to that of the Building Committee.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. Our thanks are heartily given to all the givers. We owe especial gratitude to the Boston Athenæum and Harvard College libraries for their great kindness the past year, as in previous years, in lending us books for the use of citizens of Worcester.

We have to thank several other libraries, also, for assistance rendered to us.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the three members of the Finance Committee, which were attached to it after examination of the account by the Committee:—

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December, 1886.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1885, the date of the last settlement, and find it stands as follows:—

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1885, | \$206 17 | |
| Received for fines, | 508 54 | |
| " from sales of catalogues and lists of books, | 96 89 | |
| " from deposits by persons not regularly allowed to take out books, | 18 00 | |
| " from money paid for books lost, | 5 25 | |
| " from the sale of books, waste-paper, etc., | 1 71 | |
| | <hr/> | \$831 56 |
| Paid in return of deposits, | \$11 00 | |
| " W. S. Barton, City Treasurer, | 599 29 | |
| | <hr/> | \$610 29 |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1886, | 221 27 | \$831 56 |

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| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | } Finance Committee. |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | |
| A. G. BULLOCK, | |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$12,894 28 |
| Income from invested funds :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,659 55 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 487 48 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,097 03 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 3,047 95 |
| " " fines, | 506 54 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 96 89 |
| Payments for missing and damaged books, | 5 25 |
| Sundries (including \$7.00 the amount received from de- positors in excess of the amount returned to them), | 8 71 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$18,158 65 |
| Cash on hand at last report :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,552 82 |
| Fines, catalogues, &c., | 206 17 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,758 99 |
| Reading-room fund (deficit), | 20 57 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,738 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$20,892 07 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,502 94 |
| City appropriation, | 4,480 09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$6,983 03 |
| Periodicals :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$100 19 |
| City appropriation, | 482 42 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 487 48 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,020 09 |
| Binding, | 1,105 50 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Repairs and additions, } | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | \$200 70 |
| Insurance, | 50 56 |
| Fuel, | 324 46 |
| Lights, | 802 99 |

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SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$5,701 00 |
| Cataloguing, | 595 83 |
| Extra service, | 1,357 08 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$152 85 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 139 86 |
| Postage, | 125 00 |
| Sundries :—Water for elevator, etc., | \$112 80 |
| Printing report, | 43 91 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage and minor running expenses, | 276 55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$432 76 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 0 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$18,991 65 |
| Cash on hand December 1, 1886 : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,609 24 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 69 91 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 221 27 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,900 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$20,892 07 |

ACCESSIONS.

| | |
|--|-------|
| Increase of volumes by purchase : | |
| Green Library, | 541 |
| Intermediate department, | 566 |
| Circulating department, | 2,056 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 3,163 |
| Increase of volumes by gifts : | |
| Green Library, | 1 |
| Intermediate department, | 315 |
| Circulating department, | 92 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 408 |
| Increase of volumes by binding periodicals : | |
| Green Library, | 21 |
| Intermediate department, | 239 |
| Circulating department, | 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 284 |

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library : | | | |
| Intermediate department, | | | 6 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report, | | | 3 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 3,864 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | | |
| Intermediate department, | 760 | | |
| Circulating department, | 116 | | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | 876 | |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | | |
| Circulating department, | | 20 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | 896 | |
| Net increase for the year, | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 2,968 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported : | | | |
| Green Library, | 21,324 | | |
| Intermediate department, | 15,159 | | |
| Circulating department, | 27,458 | | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | 63,941 | |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 66,909 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | | |
| Green Library, | 3 | | |
| Intermediate department, | 64 | | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | 67 | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | | |
| Intermediate department, | 332 | | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | 399 | |
| Number of unbound pamphlets withdrawn, | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 97 |
| Net increase for the year, | | | <hr/> |
| | | | 302 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | | | 109 |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | | | 41 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 102 | | |
| Green Library fund, | 8 | | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | | 110 | |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | | | 14 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 307 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 359 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 865 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | *186,745 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | †60,725 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 445; Reference department, 193), | 638 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), February 13, 1886, | 1,363 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, February 13, 1098; in Reference department, January 20, 401). | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), April 6, 1886, | 261 |
| (Smallest in Circulating department, April 6, 169 volumes; in Reference department, July 21, 24 volumes). | |
| Number of books lost and paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 8 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 12 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn: | |
| Intermediate department, | 760 |
| Circulating department, | 116 |
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| | 876 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 6,038 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 2,370 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,585 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1873), | 28,535 |

SUNDAY USE.

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| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,531 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 9,531 |
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| Total number, | 14,062 |
| Average number of persons, per Sunday, using the rooms, | 270 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, November 7, | 419 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 4, | 102 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,849 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 36 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

* Including circulation from branch libraries in Dix-street School-house, 137,730.

† Including use for purposes of reference of the books in the branch libraries in the Dix-street School-house, 62,176.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|--|--------|-----------|---|--------|-----------|
| Abbot, George Maurice, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | Boston, Public Library, | | 3 |
| Alden, John B., <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 School Committee, | | 2 |
| Aldrich, P. Emory, | | | 1 Boston Society, | | 1 |
| Alger, William R., <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 Boston University, | | 2 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | | 1 Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | 2 | 2 |
| 1 sheet, 46 newspapers, | 35 | | Bradlee, C. D., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | | | 9 Brookline, Public Library, | | 1 |
| American Forestry Congress, | 1 | | Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 3 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 1 | | 8 Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| American Ornithologists' Union, | | | Burbank, Charles H., <i>Lowell</i> , | | 1 |
| American Social Science Association, | | | 1 Cambridge, <i>England</i> , Public Free Library, | | 1 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, | | | 2 Cambridge, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 1 sheet, 3 folded sheets, | | | 3 Superintendent of Public Schools, | | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, | | | 14 Cambridge University, <i>Cambridge, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Archæological Institute of America, | | | 1 Canfield, Mrs., Penelope S. and Miss Penelope W. S., | 80 | |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | 8 Central Committee for Protecting and Prohibiting the Separation of Church and State, <i>New York</i> , 3 folded sheets, | | 2 |
| Bacon, George A., <i>Syracuse, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | | Chalmers, Patrick, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Baker, Frances M., 1 number of a periodical. | | | Chamberlain, Mellen, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | | Chase, William L., | | 2 |
| Barrows, Samuel J., <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 Chelsea, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bartlett, William H., | | | 1 Chicago Historical Society, | | 1 |
| Berry, John M., 1 newspaper. | | | 1 Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 2 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze, | | | Christian Association of Cornell University, | | 1 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele di Roma, | | | Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | | | 4 Clarke, Robert & Co., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | |
| Birmingham Free Library Committee, | | | 1 Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , | | 4 |
| Blanchard, F. S. & Co., | | | Concord, Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bliss, Richard, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 Concord, <i>N. H.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | | | 1 Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Boston, City Council, | 4 | | Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | | 5 |
| City Messenger, | 3 | | Cox, William R., <i>M. C.</i> , | | 1 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|---|--------|-----------|--|--------|-----------|
| Damon, Mrs. Charles B., | 1 | | Hawley, Goodrich & Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Dante Society, | | 1 | Heich, John B., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | |
| Darling, Charles W., <i>Utica, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 | Heywood, H., <i>Princeton</i> , 1 sheet. | | |
| Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, <i>Davenport, Iowa.</i> , | | 1 | Highland Military Academy, | | |
| Davis, A. McF., <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 | <i>Worcester</i> , | 1 | |
| Dayton, H. H., 1 lithotype. | | | Hoar, George F., <i>U.S.S.</i> , | 51 | 18 |
| Delaware Historical Society, | | | Howland, Henry J., | | 1 |
| <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | | | Huling, Ray Greene, <i>Fitchburg</i> , | | 1 |
| Denny, C. C., <i>Leicester</i> , | 1 | | Huntington, William R., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Dewey, C. A., <i>Milford</i> , | 1 | | Indian Rights Association, 1 sheet, 1 folded sheet, 7 folded leaves, 3 leaflets, | | 17 |
| Doncaster Borough Free Library, | | | Jenks, Henry F., <i>Canton</i> , | 1 | |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | | Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | 2 | 10 |
| Earle, Sarah F., | | | Kansas State Historical Society, <i>Kingston, May</i> , | 1 | |
| Earle, T. K., Manufacturing Co., | 3 | | Knudsen, C. W., <i>South Norwalk, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Eaton, Thomas E. N., | | | Ladies' Commission on Sunday School Books, | | 2 |
| Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Library, | 1 | |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | | | Lawrence Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| Ferguson, R. Henry, <i>Newton</i> , | 1 | | Leeds, Josiah W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| Fitchburg Public Library, | 1 | | Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library and Museum, | 1 | |
| Fletcher Free Library, | | | Leicester Public Library, | 2 | |
| Foster, William E., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , 1 part of a newspaper. | | | Leominster, Town of, | 1 | |
| Friends' Free Reading Room and Library, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | | | Library Company of Philadelphia, <i>Pa.</i> , | 2 | |
| Fuller, Homer T., | | | Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| Furnivall, F. J., | 1 | | Lowell City Library, | 1 | |
| Gage, William L., | 6 | | Lynn Public Library, | 1 | |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | | McCarty, J. F., | 1 | |
| Gibson, A. M., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | McClurg, A. C. & Co., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | |
| Gilman, D. C., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | McDonnell Brothers, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Glasgow, Edward B., | 1 | | Maimonides Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | |
| Green, Lucy M., | 3 | | Maine Charitable Mechanics Association Library, <i>Portland, Me.</i> , | 1 | |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Malden Public Library, | 2 | |
| Green, Samuel S., 2 folded sheets, 2 circulars, 2 newspapers, 1 circular letter, 1 sheet, sheets in envelope, | 5 | 86 | Manchester, <i>England</i> , City of, | 1 | |
| Griswold, W. M., <i>Bangor, Me.</i> , | | 1 | Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | 1 | |
| Hall, Edward H., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | | Massachusetts, Board of Railroad Commissioners, | 1 | |
| Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , | | | Clerk of the House of Representatives. | 1 | |
| Harlow, F. B., | 1 | | | | |
| Harmonic Social Club, <i>New York City</i> , | | | | | |
| Hartford Library Association, | | | | | |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., | 1 | | | | |
| Harvard University, | | 7 | | | |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth, | 85 | | Ohio State Forestry Bureau, | 1 | |
| State Library, | 18 | | Omaha Public Library, | 1 | |
| State Lunatic Hospital, | | 1 | Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., | 1 | |
| Northampton, | | 1 | Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| State Lunatic Hospital, | | 1 | Pawtucket, R. I., Free Public Library, 1 newspaper, | | |
| Worcester, | | 1 | Peabody Institute, Danvers, | 1 | |
| State Normal School, Worcester, | | 1 | Peabody Institute, Peabody, | 1 | |
| Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, | | 1 | Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology, Cambridge, | 2 | |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, | | 14 | Perkins, Frederic B., San Francisco, Cal., | 2 | |
| May, Samuel, Leicester, | | 1 | Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | 1 | |
| Mercantile Library, New York City, | | 1 | Phillips, George W., | 2 | |
| Mercantile Library Association, New York City, | | 1 | Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., | 1 | |
| Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco, | | 1 | Pierce, Charles F., | 1 | |
| Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa., | | 1 | Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H., | 1 | |
| Mercantile Library of Philadelphia, | | 9 | Plymouth, England, Free Public Library, | 1 | |
| Merriman, Daniel, | | 1 | Providence Public Library, | 1 | |
| Messinger, David S., | 4 | | Publishers of "Engineering," | 3 | |
| Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library, | 1 | | Publishers of "L'Independant," | | |
| Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Scotland, | | 1 | N. Y., 1 lithograph. | | |
| Morse Institute, Natick, | | 1 | Publishers of Traveller's Record, Hartford, Conn., 2 numbers of a paper. | | |
| Mowry, William A., Boston, | | 1 | Publishers of Worcester Sunday Telegram, | 1 | |
| Munn & Co., New York City, | | 1 | Rand, Arnold A., Boston, | 1 | |
| Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, through Alexander Agassiz, Cambridge, | | 7 | Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I., | 1 | |
| National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | 2 | | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., | 1 | |
| New Bedford Free Public Library, | | 1 | Rice, W. W., M. C., | 4 | |
| New Jersey State Library, Newark, N. J. | | 2 | Rockwell, J. E., Washington, D. C., | 1 | |
| New Orleans, Society of the Alumni of the High School of, | | | Roe, Alfred S., | 1 | |
| New York, Department of Public Parks, | | 1 | Roffe, A. H. & Co., Boston, | 1 | |
| New York Free Circulating Library, | | 1 | Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada, | 1 | |
| Newark Library Association, | | 1 | Rue Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia, Pa., | 1 | |
| Newton Free Library, 1 folded sheet, | | 1 | St. John, Thomas E., Haverhill, | 1 | |
| North Brookfield Free Public Library, | | 2 | St. Louis Public School Library, | 1 | |
| Northboro Free Library, | | 1 | St. Paul Public Library, | 1 | |
| | | 1 | Sauveur Colleges of Languages, | 1 | |
| | | 1 | Sawin, James M., Providence, R. I., | 1 | |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College, | | 1 | University of Vermont, 1 news- paper and supplement, | | 2 |
| Silas Bronson Library, <i>Water- bury, Conn.</i> , | | 2 | Upton, Winslow, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Smiley, Albert K., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 | Utica, <i>N. Y.</i> , City Library, | | 1 |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Wash- ington, D. C.</i> , | 4 | 1 | Uxbridge Free Public Library, | | 2 |
| Southbridge, Town Officers, | | 1 | Van Nostrand, D., <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | |
| Spelling Reform Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 | Walker, Joseph H., | 2 | 4 |
| Sprague, Homer B., <i>Seminary Park, Cal.</i> , | | 2 | Wallace, Rodney, <i>Fitchburg,</i> | | 1 |
| Springfield, City Library Asso- ciation, | | 1 | Ware Brothers, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Stearns, George A., | | 1 | Watertown, Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Steiner, Lewis H., <i>Frederick City, Md.</i> , 1 newspaper. | | 1 | Wellesley College, | | 1 |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | Westborough Public Library, | | 1 |
| Stevens, Charles E., | 1 | 1 | White, W. A., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library, | | 1 | Whitney, H. M., <i>Beloit, Wis.</i> , 1 folded leaf. | | |
| Taft, George S., 2 sheets. | | 1 | Williams, J. Fletcher, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | 2 |
| Taunton Public Library, | | 1 | Wilmington Institute, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | | 1 |
| Thaxter, Cella, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 1 | Wilson, G. H., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Thayer, Ell, | 1 | 1 | Winslow, Samuel, | | 1 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree</i> , | | 1 | Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 3 |
| Timby, Theodore R., <i>Washing- ton, D. C.</i> , | | 1 | Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toron- to, Canada</i> , | | 1 | Woodward, William, | 1 | |
| Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | Worcester, City Clerk, | 1 | |
| Tufts College, <i>Medford</i> , | | 1 | City Hospital, | | 1 |
| Tyler, Jessie E., | | 1 | High School, 8 numbers of a paper. | 1 | |
| United States Bureau of Educa- tion, | 4 | 6 | Superintendent of Schools, | | 1 |
| Chief of Engineers, | 8 | 15 | Worcester Academy, | | 1 |
| Civil Service Commission, | | 1 | Worcester Agricultural Society, | | 1 |
| Department of Agriculture, | 1 | 1 | Worcester County Free Insti- tute of Industrial Science, | | 1 |
| Department of State, | | 12 | Worcester County Horticultural Society, | | 2 |
| Department of the Interior, | 85 | 1 | Worcester County Musical As- sociation, | 1 | 1 |
| Department of the Navy, | 2 | 1 | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 1 |
| Department of the Treasury, | 1 | 1 | Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Naval Academy, | | 1 | Young Men's Association, <i>Buf- falo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Naval Observatory, | | 2 | Young Men's Christian Associa- tion, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Ordnance Department, | 1 | | | | |
| University of Pennsylvania, | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | 404 | 462 |

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Library Committee presents the following report. It has held during the past year eleven meetings, as usual, one meeting in every month excepting July.

The year has been a busy one in the library and the work which has been done here is described in detail in the report of the Librarian. The committee through its chairman has requested the Finance Committee to ask the city government to appropriate the present year \$4,000 to be spent in books for the general public, and \$1,000 additional for school purposes.

These sums seem very moderate when compared with a statement of the needs of the community. It is a mistake to suppose that a library may buy as many or as few books as it pleases. The inhabitants of a town or city having become accustomed to the management of a library on a certain scale of expenditures are disappointed and displeased when a less generous sum of money is spent for their benefit and privileges which they have come to count upon are cut off. The committee is confident, therefore, that the city government will appropriate the reasonable sums asked for to enable the library to continue to afford to citizens the facilities usually extended to them. The work done in con-

nection with the schools is of the greatest value and should be enlarged by the expenditure of the sum of money asked for to carry it on. Attention is called to the statement of the librarian and building committee in regard to the imperative need of accommodations for the storage of books.

JONAS G. CLARK.

ALBERT WOOD.

ADIN THAYER.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

F. A. GASKILL.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The duties of the Reading-room committee are light. When a list of papers and magazines has once been carefully selected but few changes in it are needed from year to year. Some periodicals must be dropped and a few added.

Such work as the committee has been called upon to perform it has attended to cheerfully.

Everything has gone on satisfactorily in the reading-rooms during the past year in so far as the committee knows, and it believes that the public has been provided with the periodical literature needed to satisfy reasonable desires and that all frequenters of the rooms have been courteously served and contented with their reception and entertainment.

The committee is gratified to learn that efforts are being made to secure additional artificial light in the reading-rooms. It is needed there. \$500 will be required the coming year in addition to the amount of the income of the Reading-room fund.

The hearty thanks of the committee are extended to the kind gentlemen and ladies who have added to the value of our collection of papers and periodicals by generous gifts.

GEORGE SWAN,
E. H. RUSSELL,
J. O. MARBLE,

Committee on the Reading-room.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING THE YEAR.

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| Book chat. | New Princeton review, The. |
| Book buyer, The. | Political science quarterly. |
| Citizen, The. | Scientific American, architects and builders' edition. |
| Courrier des États-Unis. | State, The. |
| Engineering era. | Weekly picayune. |
| English historical review, The. | Worcester home journal. |
| Forum, The. | |
| Mechanical engineer, The. | |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

†Every Other Saturday,
†Journal of Science.

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, The, | Publishers. |
| American gas light journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| American machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| *Babyhood, | Publishers. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| *Boston sentinel, | Publishers. |
| Bulletin of The National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Christian Leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Churchman, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Congregationalist, The, | Henry A. Stimson. |
| Congressional record, | W. W. Rice. |
| Le Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| *Day star, The, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Evesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Home missionary, The, | Publishers. |
| Index, The, | Publishers. |
| L'Independant, | Publishers. |
| Journal of American Orthoephy. | Publishers. |
| Lend a hand, | Stephen Salisbury. |
| Locomotive, The, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine farmer, The, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Mid-Weekly, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |

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| Million, The, | Anonymous. |
| Missionary herald, The, | Publishers. |
| Musical herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung. | Publishers. |
| Official gazette of the U. S. Patent | |
| Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| Philanthropist, The, | Mrs. E. E. Foster. |
| Photographic times, The, | Publishers. |
| Public ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| Signs of the times, The, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern workman, The, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sunday herald, | Anonymous. |
| Le travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftonian, | Tufts College. |
| Universalist quarterly, | S. D. Harding. |
| Union signal, The, | James A. Norcross. |
| Unitarian review, The, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Voice, The, | Funk & Wagnalls. |
| Watchman, The, | Publishers. |
| Worcester daily spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester daily times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester evening gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's crisis, The, | Publishers. |
| Zion's herald, | Anonymous. |

*Discontinued. †Publication stopped.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Building reports that it has spent very little money on the building the past year, but that it will be necessary to expend the present year \$300 for ordinary repairs, including \$100 for painting the cornice, roof, and other portions of its exterior.

The new boiler works admirably, but fails to effect what it is capable of doing, and what is needed, owing to a deficiency of radiating surface in the main story of the library building. It is important, therefore, to replace the old-fashioned radiators in the Green Library room and one of those in the Librarian's room by those of more modern construction, which without taking up more space will add largely to the surface from which radiation can go on. An estimate has been furnished to the Committee of the amount which will be needed in putting in new radiators. For this purpose \$235 will be called for.

A careful examination is also to be made of the defects in the pipes used in lighting the building. The committee cannot report now what sum will be needed for making the changes demanded, but will be able to do so very soon. The sum will not be large, however.

It will be necessary to fit up another room in the basement to accommodate the Circulating Library in the growth of the immediate future and money must be spent in renewing some of the foundation timbers of the building. For these purposes Mr.

Peck, the Superintendent of Public Buildings, estimates that \$500 will be required. When this room has been filled with books there will be no more space available for storing additions to the Circulating department. It would seem to have been the part of wisdom to take steps towards securing land and enlarging the library building during the past year. The continued failure to give this matter consideration will lead soon to serious results. \$200, Mr. Peck estimates, will be needed to pay for replacing plastering which threatens to fall. The estimates of sums of money that will be required in providing coal, wood, gas and water, the present year, are about the same in amount as the sums spent for these necessities the past year. A slightly increased amount of gas and water will have to be used.

S. A. PORTER.

ALBERT WOOD.

THOMAS GRIFFIN.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :—

The Finance Committee herewith submit the financial Statement of the Free Public Library and the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1886.

The result shows that the present amount of the Green Library Fund is \$42,012.00, an increase from the previous year of \$540.21.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$12,000, from dog license money \$3,047.95, from fines, sales of catalogues, etc. \$599.28, from the City in excess of the appropriation \$394.28, making the total receipts \$16,041.52 and the expenditures as appear by the report thereof in detail \$16,041.52. The necessity and propriety of the expenditures will appear upon a careful examination of the details.

The Committee herewith present for your consideration their estimate of the necessary expenditures for the coming year.

The Committee have made careful examination as to the securities of the Library in the hands of William S. Barton, Esq., the City Treasurer, and as to his accounts of receipts and disbursements, and find them entirely correct. They have also examined the account of the Librarian as to the receipts and disbursements by him, and find the same correct.

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| FRANCIS H. DEWEY, | } <i>Finance</i> | |
| JONAS G. CLARK, | | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| A. G. BULLOCK, | | |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending November 30, 1886.

RESOURCES.

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| City appropriation, | \$12,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 3,047 95 |
| Fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 599 29 |
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| | \$15,647 24 |
| Excess of expenditures over appropriation, etc., | 394 28 |
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| | \$16,041 52 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$1,105 50 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 152 85 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 127 66 |
| Freight, postage stamps, expressage and minor running expenses, | 835 05 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 30 36 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 65 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 25 00 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 200 70 |
| Coal and wood, | 324 46 |
| Gas, | 802 98 |
| Water, | 112 30 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 3,171 83 |
| Salary of librarian, | 2,500 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 625 00 |
| Additional library service, | 1,357 03 |
| Insurance, | 50 56 |
| Books, | 4,555 24 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room fund), | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$16,041 52 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY, }
JONAS G. CLARK, } Finance Committee.
A. G. BULLOCK, }

GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

Nov. 30, 1886.

The income for the year ending Nov. 30, 1886, is as follows :

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$979 19 |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 416 00 |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 680 05 |
| Bank tax, refunded by Committee, | 91 54 |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 14 08 |
| | <hr/> \$2,160 86 |

Of this income there has been added to the fund one-fourth part, viz.,

\$540 21

And to the book account, three-fourths, viz.,

1,620 65

\$2,160 86

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | Nov. 30, 1885. | Nov. 30, 1886. |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$16,751 00 | \$23,751 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,800 00 | 7,800 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 16,420 79 | 11,961 00 |
| National Bank deposits, | 1,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$41,471 79 | \$42,012 00 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance Dec. 1, 1885, | \$2,552 82 |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,620 65 |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 38 90 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$4,212 37 |
| Expended for books, during year, | 2,603 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance November 30, 1886, | \$1,609 24 |

| | Nov. 30, 1885. | Nov. 30, 1886. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Summary, | | |
| Investment balances, | \$41,471 79 | \$42,012 00 |
| Book account balances, | 2,552 82 | 1,609 24 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$44,024 61 | \$43,621 24 |

FRANCIS H. DEWEY,
JONAS G. CLARK,
A. G. BULLOCK, } *Finance Committee.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund of the Free Public Library.

| 1886. | Dr. | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Dec. 1. | To Money received from the City, | | \$500 00 |
| | Interest on money in Savings Bank, | | 252 48 |
| | “ “ Mortgage notes, | | 185 00 |
| | | | \$937 48 |

| 1886. | Cr. | | |
|---------------|---|--|----------|
| Dec. 1. | Balance due Treasurer for 1885, | | \$20 57 |
| | Cash paid out for newspapers and periodicals, | | 844 75 |
| | Postage and stationery, | | 2 25 |
| | | | \$867 57 |
| 1886. Dec. 1. | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | | 69 91 |

The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows:—

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| Money in Savings Banks, | \$7,812 65 | |
| Money loaned on mortgage, | 3,000 00 | |
| | \$10,812 65 | |

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. ESTABROOK,

Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

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| F. H. DEWEY, JONAS G. CLARK, A. G. BULLOCK, | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1887.

WORCESTER:
PRINTED OF CHARLES HAMILTON,
311 MAIN STREET.
1888.

DIRECTORS IN 1888.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | JAMES E. ESTABROOK, | Dec. 31, 1888. |
| ADIN THAYER, | GEORGE SWAN, | " 1889. |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | " 1890. |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | " 1891. |
| HENRY H. MERRIAM, | MOSES H. HARRIS, | " 1892. |
| PHILIP L. MOEN, | BURTON W. POTTER, | " 1893. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

FRANCIS A. GASKILL.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

ADIN THAYER, JAMES E. ESTABROOK, E. HARLOW RUSSELL,
JOHN O. MARBLE, A. GEORGE BULLOCK.

COMMITTEE ON READING-ROOM.

GEORGE SWAN, MOSES H. HARRIS, BURTON W. POTTER.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

THOMAS GRIFFIN, ADIN THAYER, HENRY H. MERRIAM.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

FRANCIS A. GASKILL, A. GEORGE BULLOCK, PHILIP L. MOEN.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.

LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS,
M. JENNIE BARBOUR, SARAH D. TUCKER.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Samuel Winslow, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Worcester :—

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-eighth annual report.

The Rules of the Board provide that the annual report shall be made by a committee appointed for that purpose.

It has been the uniform practice for many years, to select the President of the Board to perform that duty.

With the deepest regret the Directors depart from the usage of the past.

It is their sad duty to make formal announcement to you of the loss of their late President, Hon. Francis H. Dewey, who died in this city, December 16, 1887.

At a special meeting of this Board held on the following day, a memorial, herewith transmitted, was adopted which expresses our appreciation of his services to the Library and of our loss.

We had expected that the hand of our honored President would for the last time before he completed his term of service, as a member of this Board, write our annual report. But

"A greater power than we can contradict
Hath thwarted our intents."

That hand, the ever ready servant of his active and ingenious mind, has performed its last work and the quick and practiced intelligence that would so easily have grasped and so clearly have presented the various details and the true scope of our work has forever ceased its human activity.

In the shadow of this loss, we can only, hastily and imperfectly present the one paramount need of the Library.

The reports of the Standing Committees, together with the admirable report of the Librarian show the work of the year, but they cannot show the results of that work—those we believe are to be found in every school and in nearly every home in our city.

By them we are reminded afresh of the value and usefulness to all classes, of this great agency of cultivation and enjoyment.

Our Library has been converted from a passive to an active educational instrumentality. This change, amounting almost to a revolution, has taken place in library management generally throughout all the centres of civilization and it is gratifying to feel assured, as we certainly may, that our own Library stands well to the front in vigor, intelligence and skill of management as well as in the more important qualities of progressiveness and adaptability to the needs of our people.

But the liberal support and energetic administration that have combined to raise this institution to its present pitch of excellence and to make it absolutely indispensable to the Worcester of the present and of the future have brought us to a most important crisis in its history.

The accommodations and facilities afforded by the existing library building are inadequate and unsuitable to a degree that calls loudly for a change and advance. This is a demand, not of sentiment, but of utility.

When our building was erected, few persons had any notion of the rapidity with which libraries would grow or of the multifarious uses to which they would be put to-day. The same mistake made in Worcester in erecting a building only of moderate size without any provision for its enlargement, was made everywhere.

A new building for our Library is imperatively required. The library has completely outgrown its present quarters. Every department is crowded and cramped for room.

More room is needed for the storage of books; more space for reading-rooms; greater facilities for the accommodation of stu-

dents and for different classes of investigators whose age and inquiries differ; enlarged quarters for the Executive officers of the Library; a room in which to keep and display our large and increasing collection of books illustrating the fine arts, and one of ample size for a lecture room.

It becomes more evident with each year that a temporary makeshift would be but poor economy.

The Directors in a special communication during the past year called your attention to this subject, and they now feel that they would be utterly neglectful of their duty if they failed to state earnestly and emphatically their conviction upon this matter, or if they refrained longer from pressing upon you the importance and necessity of immediate action in securing *at least* a suitable lot, on which to erect a building that shall be not only ample and properly adapted for present needs, but also capable of answering the requirements of the rapid growth of our City, and the wide expansion of its educational interests which may be confidently expected in the years to come.

With increased facilities, an immensely greater work can be done by the Library than it is doing to-day.

The Librarian has projects in mind which, with facilities afforded for carrying them out, will bring this community with greatly increased frequency and closeness into contact with the best sources of information and of enlightened entertainment.

The Directors congratulate you and the citizens of Worcester upon retaining the services of Mr. Green as Librarian, though constantly sought elsewhere. Both he and his assistants continue to serve the city with a diligence and devotion that deserve not only entire approval but the warmest commendation.

In behalf of the Directors,

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| FRANCIS A. GASKILL, | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | |
| E. H. RUSSELL, | |

Memorial.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

We, the Directors of the Free Public Library, desire to place on record our sincere appreciation of our late President, Hon. Francis H. Dewey, who, "in such an hour as we thought not," has been taken from us.

We delight to recall our pleasant association with him in this Board, his cordial and cheery greeting, his earnest, thoughtful and constant efforts in behalf of our library, the prudent and sagacious counsel with which he sought to protect its interests and increase its usefulness, the promptness with which he met every appointment, the absolute fidelity with which he performed every duty, the alertness and activity of mind, and the clearness of statement which contributed so noticeably to the adoption of the wisest measures.

The library has profited by his acute business sagacity, and has been aided by his intelligent scholarly judgment.

We can say with earnestness that among all the presidents of this Board none have exceeded President Dewey in loyalty to the library, or in satisfaction at its upbuilding and enlargement.

We had hoped, that though his term of office was so soon to expire, we should still have had his counsel and assistance, and we therefore feel as if our library must bear almost a double loss.

In his death each of us feels a personal bereavement, and we extend to his family our warmest sympathy in their deep sorrow.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The annual report of the Librarian has usually been addressed to the President of the Board of Directors. To-day the chair at the head of our table, which the President occupies, is empty. No words of mine can add to the eloquent speech of that vacant chair.

It reminds us of the faithfulness and ability with which Judge Dewey filled the position of President of the Board of Directors, and makes us regret keenly that we shall never meet again on earth the pleasant-mannered and wise gentleman who has for the last five years presided over our deliberations.

The present is the twenty-eighth annual report of the Librarian, and the seventeenth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library the past year, as it is our custom to call attention to.

There has been a slight apparent diminution in the use of the library, for purposes of reference, the past year. The cause of this seeming decrease in use is to be found in the fact that owing to the crowded state of the upper reading-room it has recently been found advisable to encourage teachers and scholars to take out books to use in school and at home, which with

more room at our disposal we should have been happy to have had them use in the library building.

Much of the work done in connection with the schools must continue to be done in the library building, and it is therefore very important in the interest of all persons concerned, scholars, teachers, and the general public, that more ample accommodations should be provided, and that the space allotted to reading rooms for students, readers of magazines, and literary and scientific papers, and for children and grown-up persons, should be divided into as many rooms as will best further the objects and promote the advantage of various kinds of inquirers and readers.

There has been an increase in the use of the circulating department during the past year, and the use of the books in both the circulating and reference departments and of the magazines and papers in the two reading-rooms has been very large in the year just closed.

The whole number of volumes given out to readers and students the past year is 198,000. This use is divided among the different departments as follows: Circulating department 137,015; reference department 59,319; Sunday reference use 1,666. 12,637 persons have used the reading-rooms on Sunday during the past year.

It should be borne in mind that no statistics are here given to show the use of the books of the circulating department by scholars and teachers. Books that are taken out by teachers, on teachers' and pupils' cards are charged as other books, but they are used many times in school-houses and in the homes of pupils and instructors.

The school use has continued to increase during the last year, but the plans in use have been slightly modified so as to avoid the possibility of seeming to interfere in the least with the prerogatives of the School Board.

Teachers are enthusiastic in regard to the advantages to themselves and their pupils which both are receiving in the free use of books allowed them by the rules of the library.

Reference books, as this term is usually understood, are not

provided by the library for use in school-rooms. Books of this kind are furnished to the schools by the School Committee.

The whole number of volumes in the library is 70,350, an increase during the year of 3,441 volumes. These figures would have been larger if we had not disposed of 778 duplicates and deducted that number from the numbers representing the total number of volumes in the library and the increase during the year.

The City Council will be asked to appropriate \$4,500 to buy books with the coming year in addition to the amount asked for to aid in doing a portion of the school work. This is a small sum to use in meeting the reasonable wants of citizens; such wants as we have led them to believe that we are ready to attend to. Investigation increases apace and new subjects arise which excite attention. New books are being continually published treating of fresh subjects of interest, or adding to our knowledge respecting matters that are old or regarding them from new points of view. If there is to be life in a library it must constantly buy new books. It must buy, too, no inconsiderable numbers of them.

In conclusion I wish to say that it will be impossible to provide places for the books to be added to the library in the immediate future unless a new library building shall be erected at once.

During the last three years the library has disposed of large numbers of duplicates in order that it might use the room occupied by them.

It has no more to dispose of and I estimate that after resorting to all economies of space that are practicable we shall have left in the present building room for only about one year's growth of the circulating department.

No more room can be given to this department without seriously abridging privileges now enjoyed by the public. None of the rooms now occupied by the reference library or the reading-rooms is available. Additional room will be needed in a few years for the accommodation of the books of the reference library. The upper reading-room, as already stated, is even now wholly

inadequate in size to our wants. The lower reading-room is none too large. The working-room of the librarian and assistants should be very much enlarged. An art-room and a lecture-room as also rooms for students who need opportunities to pursue investigations without disturbance from noise are very much needed. It may be even said that they are indispensable.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us. Especial gratitude is due to the Boston Athenæum for its great kindness during the past year, as in previous years, in lending us books for the use of citizens of Worcester. We have to thank several other libraries, also, for assistance rendered to us.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the two surviving members of the Finance Committee which were attached to it after examination of the account by those members of the Committee :—

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December, 1887.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1886, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows :—

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1886, | \$221 27 | |
| Received for fines, | 504 78 | |
| " from sale of copies of the printed catalogue and of lists of additions, | 111 21 | |
| " from deposits of persons not regularly allowed to take out books, | 25 00 | |
| " as payments for books lost or mutilated, | 6 80 | |
| " from sale of worn out books, waste-paper, etc., | 4 05 | |
| " from Treasurer of the Green Library Fund for books, as per bill, | 285 00 | |
| | | \$1,157 61 |
| Paid in return of deposits, | \$27 00 | |
| " " " for books which had been found and returned after having been paid for because lost, | 2 19 | |
| " W. S. Barton, City Treasurer, | 894 88 | |
| | \$924 07 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1887, | 233 54 | |
| | | \$1,157 61 |

JONAS G. CLARK, } *Members of the*
A. G. BULLOCK, } *Finance Committee.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$15,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,582 26 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 478 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,060 50 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 8,961 16 |
| " " fines, | 504 78 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 111 21 |
| Payments for missing and damaged books, | 4 11 |
| Sundries, | 4 05 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,645 81 |
| Cash on hand at last report :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,609 24 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 221 27 |
| Reading-room fund, | 69 91 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1,900 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,546 23 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,918 18 |
| City appropriation, | 5,772 57 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,690 75 |
| Periodicals :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$27 79 |
| City appropriation, | 429 87 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 478 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$985 90 |
| Binding, | 981 85 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Repairs and additions, } | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | \$1,644 49 |
| Insurance, | 298 75 |
| Fuel, | 305 18 |
| Lights, | 763 83 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$6,286 48 |
| Cataloguing, | 580 50 |
| Extra service, | 1,398 94 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$168 59 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 176 31 |
| Postage, | 117 23 |
| Sundries :—Water for elevator, etc., | \$124 64 |
| Printing report, | 38 45 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, and minor running expenses (including \$2, the amount returned to depositors in excess of the amount received from them), | 295 71 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 458 80 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 52 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,854 55 |

Cash on hand December 1, 1887 :—

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,245 53 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 209 71 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 233 54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,688 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,543 33 |
| Amount of city appropriation transferred to the Sink- ing Fund, | 2 90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,546 23 |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 177 |
| Intermediate department, | 617 |
| Circulating department, | 2,842 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 3,636 |

Increase of volumes by gifts :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Intermediate department, | 349 |
| Circulating department, | 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 424 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| Increase of volumes by binding periodicals :— | | |
| Green Library, | 12 | |
| Intermediate department, | 214 | |
| Circulating department, | 25 | |
| | <hr/> | 251 |
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library :— | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 1 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report :— | | |
| Circulating department, | | 4 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 4,316 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report :— | | |
| Green Library (change caused in binding), | 2 | |
| Intermediate department, | 778 | |
| Circulating department, | 79 | |
| | <hr/> | 859 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report :— | | |
| Green Library, | 2 | |
| Circulating department, | 14 | |
| | <hr/> | 16 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 875 |
| Net increase for the year, | | <hr/> |
| | | 3,441 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported :— | | |
| Green Library, | 21,887 | |
| Intermediate department, | 15,525 | |
| Circulating department, | 29,497 | |
| | <hr/> | 66,909 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | 70,350 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase :— | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 61 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts :— | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 401 |
| Number of pamphlets withdrawn, | | 1,174 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for :— | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | | 108 |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | | 37 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for :— | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 109 | |
| Green Library fund, | 9 | |
| | <hr/> | 118 |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | | <hr/> |
| | | 18 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 306 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 358 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 187,015 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 59,819 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 448; Reference department, 193), | 641 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), February 12, (Largest in Circulating department, February 19, 1,070 volumes; in Reference department, April 4, 451 volumes). | 1,286 |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), June 30, (Smallest in Circulating department, June 30, 172 volumes; in Reference department, September 7, 22 volumes). | 237 |
| Number of books lost and paid for:— | |
| Circulating department, | 4 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for:— | |
| Circulating department, | 10 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 79 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 6,240 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,896 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,701 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1878), | 80,175 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
|--|--------|
| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,448 |
| Number of persons using the lower room. | 8,189 |
| Total number, | 12,637 |
| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 248 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, January 9, | 427 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 3, | 74 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,666 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 32 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
|--|--------|------------|--|--------|------------|
| Aberdeen, <i>Scotland</i> , Public Library, | | | Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale | | |
| Adams, Charles K., <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> | 1 | | Vittorio Emanuele di Roma, <i>Rome, Italy.</i> | | 4 |
| Adams, Herbert B., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton,</i> | 2 | 1 |
| Albany Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement, | | | Billings, John S., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | | Birchard Library, <i>Fremont, Ohio.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 8 folded sheets, 1 card, | | | Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee, | | 1 |
| American Congregational Association, | | | Blanchard, Frank S. & Co., 1 sheet, | 8 | 2 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 1 | | Bliss, Eugene F., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| American Missionary Association, | 2 | | Boston, City of, | 1 | |
| American Unitarian Association, | 1 | | Boston, City Council, | 8 | |
| Amherst College, <i>Amherst,</i> | | | Boston, City Messenger, | 2 | 1 |
| Amory, Thomas C., <i>Boston.</i> | 1 | | Boston, Public Library, | | 8 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover,</i> | | | Boston Museum of Fine Arts, | | 8 |
| Anonymous, 1 folded sheet, 3 newspapers, 1 sheet, | 1 | | Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | 1 | 2 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> | | | Bowdoin College Library, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | 2 | 1 |
| Arundel Society, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | Bowen, Clarence W., <i>New York City.</i> | 1 | 2 |
| 2 folded sheets. | | | Braun Ad. & Cie., <i>Paris, France.</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City.</i> | 2 | | Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Aubin, Gideon, 1 folded sheet. | | | Brighton, <i>England</i> , Free Library, | | 1 |
| Baker, Walter & Co., <i>Dorchester,</i> | 1 | | Brookline, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Ball, Phineas, | | | Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 |
| Ballou, Maturin M., <i>Boston.</i> | 1 | | Brown, Marie A., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | | 1 folded sheet. | | |
| Belknap, Wm. W., <i>Keokuk, Iowa.</i> | | | Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 2 |
| Bell, Charles H., <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> | | | Buffalo Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 |
| Berry, John M., 1 newspaper, | | | Cambridge, <i>England</i> , Public Free Library, | | 1 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze, <i>Florence, Italy.</i> | | 41 | Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| | | | Cantfield, Mrs. Penelope S. and Miss Penelope W. S., | | 6 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|---|--------|-----------|--|--------|-----------|
| Cardiff Free Library, Museum and Science and Art School, <i>Cardiff, Wales,</i> | | | Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Caspar, C. N., <i>Milwaukee, Wis.,</i> | | | 1 Editors of W P I, | 1 | 1 |
| Chace, Mrs. George I., <i>Providence, R. I.,</i> | 1 | | 1 Engineering, Publishers of, Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.,</i> | 2 | 2 |
| Chalmers, Patrick, <i>London, Eng.,</i> | | | Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston,</i> | 1 | 5 |
| Chamberlain, D. H., <i>New York,</i> | | | 4 Fairbanks & Co., 1 newspaper. | | |
| Chamberlain, Mellen, <i>Boston,</i> | | | 1 Farnham, J. M. W., <i>Shanghai, China,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Chemical Society, <i>Washington, D. C.,</i> | | | 1 Faxon, Henry H., <i>Boston,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Chicago, Ill., Public Library, | | | 2 Field, B. Rush, <i>Easton, Pa.,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Chilcopee, Town Library, | | | 1 Flanders, Dana J., <i>Boston,</i> | 1 | |
| Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.,</i> | | | 1 Fletcher Free Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio, Public Library, | | | 1 Forbes, R. B., <i>Boston,</i> | 7 | 1 |
| Clarke, Robert & Co., <i>Cincinnati, O.,</i> | | | 1 Foster, Emma E., | | |
| Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.,</i> | | | Friends' Free Reading Room and Library, <i>German town, Pa.,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.,</i> | | | 2 Gage, William Leonard, <i>Hartford, Conn.,</i> | 1 | 2 |
| College of New Jersey, <i>Princeton, N. J.,</i> | | | 4 Gale, George H. G., <i>West Point, N. Y.,</i> | 2 | 2 |
| Columbia College, <i>New York City,</i> | | | 2 Garver, Austin S., 2 card photographs. | 2 | 2 |
| Columbia College Library, <i>New York City,</i> | | | 2 Gebhard, Arthur H., <i>Elberfeld, Germany,</i> | 2 | 2 |
| Concord, Mass., Free Public Library, | | | 1 General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Concord, N. H., Public Library, | | | 1 Georgetown College, District of Columbia, | 1 | 1 |
| Connecticut Bureau of Labor Statistics, | 1 | | 1 Goodell, John M., | 3 | 8 |
| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.,</i> | | | 1 Goulding, Alfred, | 1 | 1 |
| Coolidge, A. H., <i>Leicester.</i> | | | 1 Grand Army of the Republic, Worcester, | 1 | 1 |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.,</i> | | | 5 Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Corporation of the City of London, | 1 | | Great Yarmouth, England, Free Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Dana, John A., | | | 1 Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Dante Society, <i>Cambridge,</i> | | | 5 Green, James, 4 folded sheets, | 8 | 8 |
| Davis, A. M. F., <i>Cambridge,</i> | | | 4 Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston,</i> | 1 | 14 |
| Davis, Charles H., | 2 | | Green, Mrs. Samuel F., | 1 | 1 |
| Davis, Joshua W., <i>Boston,</i> 1 | | | 1 Green, Samuel S., 2 folded sheets, | 3 | 28 |
| 6... folded sheet, | | | 1 Greene, J. Evarts, | 1 | 1 |
| Day & Morse, | | | 1 Hall, Edward H., <i>Cambridge,</i> | 2 | 1 |
| Demarest, David D., <i>New Brunswick, N. Y.,</i> | | | 1 Hammond, B. F., | 1 | 1 |
| Detroit, Mich., Public Library, | | | 1 Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, <i>Hampton, Va.,</i> | 1 | 1 |
| Dewey Francis H., | 1 | | | | |
| Dove, P. Edward, <i>London, Eng.,</i> | | | | | |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 15 | | | | |

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| Harper & Brothers, <i>New York City</i> , | | | School Books, | 1 | 1 |
| Harrison, J. B., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | | 1 Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Hartford Library Association, | | | Lawrence Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., | 1 | | 5 Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library and Museum, | | 1 |
| Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | | Leicester Academy, | | 1 |
| Hawley, Goodrich & Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | 8 Leicester Public Library, | | 1 |
| Heinzle, F., <i>Woodstock College, Md.</i> , | | | Leominster, Town of, | | 1 |
| Heywood, John H., <i>Melrose</i> , | | | 1 Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hickcox, John H., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | | 1 Lincoln, Edward Winslow, | | 1 |
| Highland Military Academy, | | | 2 Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | 3 |
| <i>Worcester</i> , | | | 1 Lynn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, | | | Malmonides Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Hoar, George F., <i>U. S. S.</i> , 2 folded sheets, | 10 | | Malden Public Library, | | 1 |
| Holmes, Howard M., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> , | | | 1 Manchester, <i>England</i> , City of, | | 1 |
| Home Knowledge Association, | | | Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | | 1 |
| <i>New York City</i> . | | | 9 Manufacturers' Record Co., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hopedale Public Library, | | | 1 Marble, Albert P., | | 2 |
| Howe, Archibald M., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | Mason, Joseph, | 35 | 25 |
| Howland, Henry J., | | | 1 Massachusetts, Board of Lunacy and Charity, | | 1 |
| Howland, Joseph, | 3 | | 1 Secretary of the Commonwealth, | | 18 |
| Huntington, William R., <i>New York City</i> , | | | 11 State Library, | | 8 |
| Indian Rights Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , 16 photographs. | | | State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton</i> , | | 1 |
| Indianapolis Public Library, | | | State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Jewett, John Howard, 1 newspaper. | | | 1 State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, | | 1 |
| Johnson, Robert H., 2 folded sheets. | | | 9 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, | | 3 |
| Kansas State Board of Agriculture, | 1 | | Massachusetts Lord Acoustic Telephone Company, | | 1 |
| Kansas State Historical Society, | | | Mathews, Robert, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| <i>Topeka, Kan.</i> , | | | 1 Maverick National Bank, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Kelly, H. A., | | | 1 May, Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> , | 1 | 15 |
| Kerr, Charles H. & Co., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | | Mears, David O., | | 4 |
| Kimball, F. E., | 1 | | 1 Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, | | 2 |
| Kingsbury, Frederick J., <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i> , | | | Mercantile Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 |
| Knudsen, C. W., <i>South Norwalk, Conn.</i> , | 1 | | Mercantile Library Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |

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| Mercantile Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 Oswell, O. N., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Mercantile Library of Phila- delphia, | | | Paterson, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan State Board of Health, Middlesex Mechanics' Associa- tion, <i>Lowell</i> , | | | 4 Pawtucket, <i>R. I.</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Li- brary, | | | 1 Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | | Peabody Museum of American Archæology and Ethnolo- gy, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | 2 |
| Missouri, Commissioner Labor Statistics and Inspection, | 1 | | 5 Perkins, Frederic B., <i>San Fran- cisco, Cal.</i> , 1 newspaper, | 1 | 1 |
| Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scot- land</i> , | | | 1 Perkins Institution and Massa- chusetts School for the Blind, | 59 | 2 |
| Moore, George H., <i>Boston</i> , | | | Perry, Amos, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | | 1 Peterson, Ellis, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Museum of Comparative Zo- ology, through Alexander Agassiz, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | 1 Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Ex- eter, N. H.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| National Association of Wool Manufacturers, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | 1 Pickering, John, Family of the late, | 1 | 1 |
| National Council of the Congre- gational Churches, Secre- tary of, | 2 | | 8 Plymouth, <i>England</i> , Free Pub- lic Library, | 1 | 1 |
| National Prison Association of the United States, | 1 | | Pott, James & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Nevins Memorial Library, <i>Methuen</i> , | 2 | | Pratt, Charles, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| New Bedford Free Public Li- brary, | | | Providence Athenæum, <i>Provi- dence, R. I.</i> , | 1 | 3 |
| New Haven Free Public Li- brary, | | | Providence Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| New York, Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, | | | Providence & Worcester Rail- road Co., | 1 | 1 |
| New York State Library, | 5 | | Putnam, F. W., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| New York Free Circulating Li- brary, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 Redwood Library and Athe- næum, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Newport Historical Society, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | | 2 Reynolds Library, <i>Rochester</i> , <i>N. Y.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Newton Free Library, | | | Rice, Franklin P., | 1 | 1 |
| North Brookfield Free Public Library, | | | 2 Rice, W. W., <i>M. C.</i> , | 2 | 1 |
| North Brookfield, Town Hist- ory Committee, | 1 | | Richmond, <i>Surrey</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Northboro Free Library, | | | 1 Royal Society of Canada, <i>Mon- treal, Canada</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Norwegian Society, <i>Worcester</i> , | 65 | | 2 Russell, A. U., <i>Lancaster</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Norwich Free Academy, <i>Nor- wich, Conn.</i> , | 1 | | 1 St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Public Library, | 8 | 1 |
| Omaha Board of Trade, <i>Omaha</i> , <i>Neb.</i> , | | | 2 St. Paul, <i>Minn.</i> , Public Library, | 2 | 1 |
| | | | St. Paul, Minneapolis & Mani- toba Railway Company, | 1 | 1 |
| | | | 1 Salisbury, Stephen, | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Samuel, L., <i>Portland, Oregon</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Sawin, James M., <i>Providence</i> , <i>R. I.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Sawyer Free Library, <i>Gloucester</i> , <i>1</i> | 1 | 1 |

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| Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 1 | 1 Ward's Natural Science Establishment, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , | 12 |
| Silas Bronson Library, <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i> , | 1 | Ware, William R., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 |
| Simms, Joseph, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 Ware Brothers, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 |
| Smith, Henry M., | 1 | 1 Watertown Free Public Library, | 1 |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 5 | 4 Wayland, Francis, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 3 |
| Southbridge Town Officers, | 1 | Welsh, Herbert, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 |
| Southworth, George C. S., <i>Gambier, Ohio</i> , | 1 | Wesby, J. S. & Sons, | 1 |
| Spelling Reform Association, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | Wharton, Francis, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 8 |
| Sprague, Homer B., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | 1 | 1 Willis, Henry, <i>Worcester, Eng.</i> , | 1 |
| Springfield City Library Association, | 1 | 1 newspaper. | 1 |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | 1 Winslow, John, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , 1 sheet, | 1 |
| Stimson, Henry A., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | 1 | 1 Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 3 |
| Stone, J. B., <i>Boonton, N. J.</i> , | 1 | 1 Woburn, Public Library, | 1 |
| Sturgis, Mrs. Henry, <i>Boston</i> , 1 folded sheet. | 1 | Wood, Mrs. Sarah B., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 |
| Sutro, Theodore, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 Worcester (<i>Eng.</i>) Herald, Publishers of, 1 newspaper. | 1 |
| Swansea, <i>Wales</i> , Public Library, | 2 | Worcester, City Council, | 1 |
| Taunton, Public Library, | 1 | City Engineer, | 1 |
| Tedder, Henry R., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | City Hospital, | 1 |
| Thayer, Eli, 1 sheet. | 1 | 1 Superintendent of Schools, | 1 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree</i> . | 1 | 1 Worcester Academy, | 1 |
| Thompson, Eben Francis, | 1 | 1 Worcester County Horticultural Society, | 1 2 |
| Tilley, R. H., <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | 1 | 1 Worcester County Musical Association, | 1 1 |
| Toledo, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 Worcester District Medical Society, | 8 5 |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | 1 Worcester Fire Society, | 1 |
| Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 2 | Worcester Polytechnic Institute, | 1 |
| United States, Bureau of Education, | 2 | 8 Worcester Society of Antiquity, | 8 |
| Department of State, | 1 | 26 Yale University, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 2 |
| Department of War, 14 maps, | 8 | 7 Yale University Library, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 1 |
| Department of the Interior, | 99 | Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Meriden, Conn.</i> , | 1 |
| Department of the Navy, | 2 | 1 Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 |
| Department of the Treasury, | 4 | 1 Young Men's Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 |
| 3 circulars, | 1 | | |
| Library of Congress, | 1 | | |
| Life Saving Service, | 1 | | |
| Naval Academy, | 1 | | |
| Ordnance Department, | 1 | | |
| University of California, <i>Berkeley, Cal.</i> , | 1 | | |
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REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Library Committee has met once a month during the past year and at its meetings has attended to the business which it is usually called upon to transact.

It is unnecessary, however, to give here a detailed account of the work done by the Committee as that has been fully described in the exhaustive report of the Librarian.

The Committee requests the City Government to make an appropriation for buying books for the use of teachers, scholars and other residents of Worcester, the coming year similar in amount to the sum spent last year.

In the last report the Committee stated that there was an imperative need of additional accommodations. The statement should now be emphasized that provision for the growth of the library and its other pressing needs ought to be made without any further delay.

JONAS G. CLARK.
JAMES E. ESTABROOK.
F. A. GASKILL.
E. H. RUSSELL.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Reading-room is impressed by the convictions that much more room in the aggregate is needed by persons who frequent the upper reading-room, and that it is very important that such accommodations should be provided here as will allow of the classification of readers and of bringing together in separate rooms of persons of similar age and purposes.

When added space is provided great care should be taken to have the new rooms well lighted and ventilated, and so finished and furnished as to make them pleasant to sit in. It has been the aim of the Committee during the last year, as always, to supply the wants of citizens as well as the funds at its disposal and the circumscribed nature of the upper reading-room would allow.

Added to this report is a list of gifts and the Committee gratefully acknowledges the kindness of its friends which it shows; there have been during the year continued and fresh manifestations of that kindness.

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| GEORGE SWAN, | } | <i>Committee on Reading-room.</i> |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | | |
| M. H. HARRIS, | | |

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING THE YEAR.

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| Amateur photographer, The. | Railroad and engineering journal, The. |
| Harvard monthly, The. | Scottish review, The. |
| † Musical items. | Scribner's magazine. |
| Philatelic journal of America, The. | Weekly bulletin (San Francisco). |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| † British quarterly review. | † Van Nostrand's eclectic engineering magazine. |
| † Engineering Era. | Weekly alta, California. |
| † State, The. | |

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, The, | Publishers. |
| American gas light journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American missionary, The, | American Missionary Association. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| American machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Audubon magazine, The, | P. W. S. Canfield. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Christian leader, The, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian register, The, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Churchman, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| * Congregationalist, The, | Henry A. Stimson. |
| Congressional record, | W. W. Rice. |
| Le Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Fvesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Home missionary, The, | Publishers. |
| Journal of American orthoepy, The, | Publishers. |
| *Lend a hand, | Stephen Salisbury. |
| Locomotive, The, | J. L. Smith, |
| Maine farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Messenger, The, | Publishers. |
| Mid-Weekly. The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| *Million, The, | Anonymous. |
| Missionary herald, The, | Publishers. |
| Musical herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |

New England Staaten Zeitung,
 Official gazette of the U. S. Patent
 Office,
 Open court, The,
 Our dumb animals,
 *Philanthropist, The,
 Public ledger,
 Signs of the times, The,
 Southern workman, The,
 Sunday herald, The,
 Le Travailleur,
 Tuftonian, The,
 *Union signal, The,
 Unitarian review, The,
 Unity,
 Universalist quarterly,
 Voice, The,
 Watchman, The,
 Woman's journal, The,
 Worcester daily spy,
 Worcester daily times,
 Worcester evening gazette,
 World's crisis, The,
 Zion's herald,

*Discontinued.

Publishers.
 U. S. Patent Office.
 S. S. Green.
 Publishers.
 Mrs. E. E. Foster.
 George W. Childs, Proprietor.
 Eliza Thayer.
 Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield.
 Anonymous.
 Publishers.
 Tufts College.
 James A. Norcross.
 American Unitarian Association.
 Anonymous.
 S. D. Harding.
 Funk & Wagnalls.
 Publishers.
 Joseph A. Howland.
 Publishers.
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 Publishers.
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 Anonymous.

†Publication stopped.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library :

The Committee on the Building submits the following report.

The foundation timbers of the building have been carefully examined and many of them have been replaced.

A girder, supported by pillars from the basement, has been thrown across the ceiling of the Medical Library-room from north to south in order to support the weight of books which it has been necessary to place in the French roof.

The sum of \$185 has been spent in repairing the elevator. New radiators have been placed in the Green Library-room and one new radiator has been put in the working room of the Librarian.

A new room has been fitted up in the basement. After this room shall have been filled there will be no more room left in the building for the storage of the books bought for the Circulating Department of the library.

This and other weighty reasons make it evident that immediate attention should be given to the petition presented last year to the city government for the purchase of land and the putting up of a new building.

An item of \$175 has been put into the estimates for the coming year for the purpose of having the Otis Governor attached to the elevator.

It is estimated that \$500 is the smallest amount which can properly be asked for to meet the expenses of probable repairs and purchases of furniture and furnishings the coming year.

Sums have been put into the estimates to cover the ordinary expense for light, fuel and water.

THOMAS GRIFFIN.
H. H. MERRIAM.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:—

The Finance Committee herewith submits statements respecting the City appropriation and the Green Library Fund, covering the year ending November 30, 1887.

It appears that the present amount of the Green Library Fund is \$42,531.76, an increase over the previous year of \$519.76.

The bequest of Dr. Green was \$30,000. This amount has been kept carefully invested, and in accordance with the testator's will a quarter of the income of the fund has been every year added to the principal and also conservatively invested. It is mainly through the increase provided for as thus stated, that the fund has grown since Dr. Green's death by the amount of \$12,531.76.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$15,000; of the dog license money, \$3,961.16; and of the money received from fines, the sale of books, catalogues, etc., \$894.88. The total receipts for the year were thus \$19,856.04. The expenditures, as appears from the detailed report of them, were in the whole amount \$19,853.14, and \$2.90 has been carried to the Sinking Fund.

The expenditures were wisely made.

The Committee herewith presents for your consideration its estimates of the sums of money that will be needed to meet the necessary expenditures of the coming year.

It is made the duty of this committee to keep the books, furniture and building insured, as prescribed in the City ordinance; \$298.75 has been spent for this purpose the present year, and \$96 will have to be paid out for insurance the coming year.

The Committee has made a careful examination of the securities in which the Green Library Fund is invested. These are in the hands of the City Treasurer, William S. Barton, Esq. It has also examined Mr. Barton's accounts of receipts and disbursements, and has found them to be correct. It has examined the account of the Librarian and found it to be accurate.

The Finance Committee is convinced that the reasonable demands of the citizens of Worcester cannot be properly attended to without the immediate purchase of a lot and the erection of a new building.

The late Judge Dewey, who at the time of his death was chairman of this Committee, examined, with another member of the Committee, the securities and accounts presented to the Committee for examination by the City Treasurer.

It was a very noticeable trait in Mr. Dewey that, while he was capable of managing the most important trusts and was a man of great mental capacity, he never neglected minor obligations. He always kept in memory all the duties that should fall to him to perform, prepared for their performance and attended to them when the time came to attend to them; doing the work devolving on him thoroughly, and never leaving any part of it undone.

As a member of this Committee, as well as in other positions, he was always punctual at meetings and quick, capable and sagacious in the discharge of the duties which membership in the Committee entailed upon him.

His loss is keenly felt here, as it is in every institution with which he has been connected.

JONAS G. CLARK.

A. G. BULLOCK.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the Year ending Nov. 30, 1887

RESOURCES.

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| City appropriation, | \$15,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 8,961 16 |
| Fines, sale of books, catalogues, etc., | 894 88 |
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| | \$19,856 04 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$981 85 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 163 59 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 97 70 |
| Freight, postage stamps, expressage and minor running expenses, | 843 94 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 143 21 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 65 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 25 35 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 1,644 49 |
| Coal and wood, | 305 18 |
| Gas, | 763 83 |
| Water, | 124 64 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 3,158 50 |
| Salary of librarian, | 2,958 33 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 750 10 |
| Additional library service, | 1,892 94 |
| Cataloguing, | 6 00 |
| Insurance, | 298 75 |
| Books for school purposes, | 1,500 00 |
| Other books, | 4,629 74 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room fund), | 500 00 |
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| | \$19,853 14 |
| Balance to Sinking Fund, | 2 90 |
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| | \$19,856 04 |

JONAS G. CLARK.
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STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

Nov. 30, 1887.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1887, is as follows :

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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,156 07 | |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 394 50 | |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 478 04 | |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 8 18 | |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioner, | 47 32 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,079 06 |
| Of this income, there has been added to the fund one-fourth part, viz., | \$ 519 76 | |
| And to the book account three-fourths, viz., | 1,559 30 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,079 06 |

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer :

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | Nov. 30, 1886. | Nov. 30, 1887. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$22,751 00 | \$23,251 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,300 00 | 7,300 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 11,961 00 | 11,980 76 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$42,012 00 | \$42,531 76 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Balance, December 1, 1886, | \$1,609 24 | |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,559 30 | |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 22 96 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total, | | \$3,191 50 |
| Expended for books during the year, | | 1,945 97 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance, November 30, 1887, | | \$1,245 53 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1886. | Nov. 30, 1887. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balances, | \$42,012 00 | \$42 531 76 |
| Book account balances, | 1,609 24 | 1,245 53 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$43,621 24 | \$43,777 29 |

JONAS G. CLARK.
A. G. BULLOCK.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund
of the Free Public Library :—

DR.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dec. 1, 1887. | Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1886, | \$ 69 91 |
| | Money received from City, | 500 00 |
| | Interest money in Savings Banks, | 848 24 |
| | “ “ on Mortgage notes, | 180 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,048 15 |

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| Dec. 1, 1887. | Cash paid out for newspapers and periodicals, | \$835 94 |
| | Cash paid postage and stationery, | 2 50 |
| | | <hr/> \$838 44 |

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|--|---|-------------|
| | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | \$209 71 |
| | The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows :— | |
| | Money in Savings Bank, | \$7,312 65 |
| | “ loaned on Mortgage, | 8,500 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | Total amount of fund, | \$10,812 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. ESTABROOK,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

JONAS G. CLARK.
A. G. BULLOCK.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.



TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

WORCESTER, MASS.:
PRINTED BY CHARLES HAMILTON,
NO, 311 MAIN STREET.
1889.

DIRECTORS IN 1889.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| J. EVARTS GREENE, | GEORGE SWAN, | Dec. 31, 1889. |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | " 1890. |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | " 1891. |
| HENRY H. MERRIAM, | MOSES H. HARRIS, | " 1892. |
| PHILIP L. MOEN, | BURTON W. POTTER, | " 1893. |
| EDWARD I. COMINS, | WALDO LINCOLN, | " 1894. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

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| PRESIDENT. | SECRETARY AND TREASURER. |
| J. EVARTS GREENE. | EDWARD I. COMINS. |

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| COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY. | | |
| E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, |
| J. EVARTS GREENE, | | GEORGE SWAN. |

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| COMMITTEE ON READING-ROOM. | | |
| GEORGE SWAN, | MOSES H. HARRIS, | BURTON W. POTTER. |

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| COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING. | | |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | HENRY H. MERRIAM, | EDWARD I. COMINS. |

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| COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. | | |
| A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | PHILIP L. MOEN, | WALDO LINCOLN. |

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

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| ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS. | | |
| LUCIE A. YOUNG, | JESSIE E. TYLER, | ELLEN L. OTIS, |
| M. JENNIE BARBOUR, | SARAH D. TUCKER, | HATTIE J. CHILDS. |

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Samuel Winslow, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Worcester:—

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their twenty-ninth annual report.

They congratulate you and the citizens of Worcester upon the position which the Library has secured in the esteem and confidence of the public, and upon the constantly increasing and more discriminating use of it.

Hon. Peter C. Bacon, in his inaugural address as Mayor in 1851, was the first to recommend to the City Council the formation of a Public Library. His judgment was somewhat in advance of those associated with him in the government of the City, but the wisdom of his recommendation finds a new illustration here, year by year.

The radiant vision which the first Board of Directors had, of the future of the Library, has long ago become a reality. I quote their words: "And, as we follow up the work in our conceptions and behold the Library by the process of constant accretions augmented to twenty thousand, thirty thousand, forty thousand, fifty thousand volumes—comprising the wide range of popular and current literature, history, biography, travels, the sciences and the useful arts, the domain of moral and religious truth, of poetry, of æsthetic taste, in short, all that can entertain, instruct and educate, made a part of the daily study and contemplation of perhaps a majority of our entire population—we are still perceiving only the outlines of an institution whose finest

proportions lie beyond the reach of sight, in the imperishable elements of popular culture and virtue."

We, too, indulge in anticipations of a somewhat more material nature, perhaps, the fulfilment of which we believe is not to be postponed for years, but to be seen, realized and enjoyed in the coming year. We believe that no act of your predecessors' administration met with more popular approval or was more gratifying to the members of the government than securing a lot for an addition to the Library.

For ourselves, and in behalf of the users of the Library, we desire to express our appreciation of the hearty concurrence which the City Government manifested in our suggestion relative to the purchase of the site above alluded to. We do not permit ourselves to question for a moment that your purpose is to make that purchase available at once by providing for the immediate erection of a suitable building. Our imperative needs demand it, and your own action the past year enforces your belief of its necessity.

By the accompanying reports it will be seen that we have now a Library of nearly 75,000 volumes, and an annual use of over 206,000 volumes. One can hardly overestimate the educating influence of such use, nor the attraction which such a Library, managed as ours is, must be to citizen and stranger.

The reports of the several Committees, and of the Librarian, sufficiently present the work of this year and our present condition.

A Supplement to the Catalogue is required. The appropriation sought for that purpose will be followed by a pecuniary return from the sale of the Catalogues, as well as by the more important result of facilitating the use of the Library by the public.

The loss which our Board sustained the past year by the death of Hon. Adin Thayer, was keenly appreciated. His mind was greatly impressed, in his visit to Europe, by the unfavorable contrast between our building and many there, accommodating much smaller libraries; and his enthusiastic interest in the expected enlargement of our facilities was constantly manifested.

Each year impresses us anew with the exceptionally valuable services which our Librarian and his Assistants render to the public; and we desire to express our and your obligation to them, not merely because it is customary, but because we appreciate and realize it.

In behalf of the Directors,

FRANCIS A. GASKILL, *President.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Hon. Francis A. Gaskill, President of the Board of Directors :—

I herewith present the twenty-ninth annual report of the Librarian; it is the eighteenth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the Library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday; and record such other facts in the history of the Library the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

There has been, during the year now reported on, a considerable increase in the use of the different departments of the Library. The use of books on Sunday has also grown. Generally speaking, the use of the books in both the circulating and reference departments and of the magazines and papers in the two reading-rooms has been very large in the year just closed.

The whole number of volumes given out to readers and students the past year is 206,290. This use is divided as follows: circulating department, 142,449; reference department, 61,424; Sunday reference use, 2,417. 12,220 persons have used the reading-rooms on Sunday during the past year.

There has been a very noticeable change in the kind of books read on Sunday, during the last few years.

Since Elm Park has become so attractive, and Lake Quinsigamond so easy of access, the proportion of readers who use the

reading-rooms for serious purposes has greatly increased, and that of persons seeking only the means of occupying their time pleasantly has diminished largely.

The whole number of volumes now in the Library is 73,669, an increase during the year of 3,319. These numbers would have been larger if we had not bought several expensive works during the past year.

The great want of the Library at the present time is more room. There is little space left in the reference department for the storage of books. Portions of that department are so crowded with books that it has become very difficult to supply the needs of the public from them.

In the circulating department we have practically reached the limit of the capacity of the building for the housing of its accumulations.

The upper reading-room is painfully inadequate in size for seating persons who wish to occupy it. The lower reading-room is altogether too small. The working-room of the Librarian and assistants should be very much enlarged. There is an especial need of rooms suitable and capacious enough for storing and displaying the books, engravings, photographs, etc., which have been bought by the Library to illustrate the industrial and fine arts.

A lecture room is demanded, also, in which may be accommodated audiences, classes and visitors, who wish to come to the Library in bodies, to examine our treasures and listen to illustrative descriptions and explanations respecting them in the form of lectures, or less formal remarks, and of answers to questions that they may wish to ask.

Rooms for students, in which investigations may be pursued without disturbance from noise or distraction from other causes, have become indispensable.

In consideration of the pressing nature of these needs, it is with great satisfaction that the officers of the Library are able to formally chronicle the fact, already known to the citizens of Worcester, of the purchase by the City during the past year, of a lot of land adjoining that on which the Library building stands,

as a site for a new building to be used in conjunction with the present edifice.

Action in the matter of providing increased quarters for the Library has been so long delayed, that it will be necessary to put up a building at once. Such a building could not be erected and made ready for occupancy under about two years from the present time; and before two years have passed by, the present inconveniences will have so increased as to be almost insupportable. Plans for the new building have been carefully prepared.

By the courtesy of the Building Committee of the City Government, the Librarian was allowed to model its internal arrangements and to make such divisions of the interior, and introduce into it such features, as in his opinion would enable the officers of the Library to provide in the best manner for the needs of the users of the Library and to administer its affairs as economically as possible.

By direction of the same committee the ideas of the Librarian were submitted to Mr. Charles H. Peck, the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and to Mr. Stephen C. Earle, the well-known architect, and were put into form by the latter gentleman. Mr. Earle has also prepared the façade of the building.

The plans and elevation have been approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Dr. Green's deed of gift, and sent to the Committee of the City Government on Buildings, in whose hands they now are.

It is now five years since the printed catalogue of books, which circulate freely, was issued. It will be necessary the present year to prepare and print a supplement.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us.

Especial gratitude is due to the Boston Athenæum and to the Library of Harvard University, for their great kindness during the past year, as in previous years, in lending us books for the use of citizens of Worcester. We have to thank other libraries, also, for assistance rendered to us.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee, which were attached to it after examination of the account :—

CITY OF WORCESTER, FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December 15, 1888.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1887, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows :—

| | | |
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| Cash balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1887, | \$233 54 | |
| Received for fines, | 475 06 | |
| " from sale of copies of the printed catalogue and of lists of additions, | 78 42 | |
| " from deposits of persons not regularly allowed to take out books, | 81 00 | |
| " as payments for books lost, mutilated or sold, | 7 65 | |
| " from sale of worn-out books, waste paper, etc., | 1 50 | |
| | | \$827 17 |
| Paid in return of deposits, | \$30 00 | |
| " W. S. Barton, City Treasurer, | 577 98 | |
| | \$607 98 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1888, | 219 19 | |
| | | \$827 17 |

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| F. A. GASKILL, | } | <i>Members of the Finance Committee.</i> |
| A. G. BULLOCK, | | |
| P. L. MOEN, | | |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$14,500 00 |
| Income from invested funds :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,772 87 |
| Reading-room Fund, | \$462 48 |
| | \$2,235 35 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 4,006 89 |
| " " fines, | 475 06 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 78 42 |
| Payments for missing and damaged books, | 8 83 |
| Sundries (including \$1, the amount received from de- positors in excess of the amount returned to them), | 6 82 |
| | \$21,805 87 |

Cash on hand at last report:—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,245 58 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 233 54 |
| Reading-room fund, | 209 70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,688 77 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$22,994 64 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books:—

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,678 64 |
| City appropriation, | 6,008 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,686 82 |

Periodicals:—

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$87 59 |
| City appropriation, | 440 34 |
| Reading-room fund, | 519 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,047 52 |
| | 998 85 |

Binding,

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Repairs and additions, } | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | \$419 55 |
| Insurance, | 96 00 |
| Fuel, | 418 19 |
| Lights, | 778 50 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$6,523 96 |
| Cataloguing, | 769 34 |
| Extra service, | 1,552 29 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$140 48 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 142 92 |
| Postage, | 128 32 |
| Sundries:— | |
| Water for elevator, etc., | \$124 08 |
| Printing report, | 40 20 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, and minor running expenses, | 441 85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$606 18 |
| | 53 39 |

Paper covers (covering paper),

\$21,357 26

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Cash on hand December 1, 1888 :—

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,252 17 | |
| Reading-room fund, | 149 69 | |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 219 19 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,621 05 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$22,978 81 |
| Amount of City appropriation transferred to the Sinking Fund, | | 16 38 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$22,994 64 |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Green Library, | 188 | |
| Intermediate department, | 1,011 | |
| Circulating department, | 1,701 | |
| | <hr/> | 2,900 |

Increase of volumes by gifts :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 272 | |
| Circulating department, | 89 | |
| | <hr/> | 311 |

Increase of volumes by binding periodicals :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Green Library, | 7 | |
| Intermediate department, | 811 | |
| Circulating department, | 21 | |
| | <hr/> | 839 |

Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Intermediate department, | | 8 |
|--------------------------|--|---|

Number of missing volumes restored since last report :—

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Circulating department, | 8 | |
| | <hr/> | 4 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 3,557 |

Number of volumes withdrawn since last report :—

| | | |
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| Green Library (change caused in binding), | 12 | |
| Intermediate department, | 5 | |
| Circulating department, | 200 | |
| | <hr/> | 217 |

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|--|--------|-------|--------|
| Number of volumes missing since last report :— | | | |
| Green Library, | 1 | | |
| Circulating department, | 20 | | |
| | <hr/> | 21 | |
| | | <hr/> | 238 |
| Net increase for the year, | | | 3,319 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported :— | | | |
| Green Library, | 22,072 | | |
| Intermediate department, | 15,928 | | |
| Circulating department, | 32,850 | | |
| | <hr/> | | 70,850 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | | 73,669 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase :— | | | |
| Green Library, | 4 | | |
| Intermediate department, | 93 | | |
| | <hr/> | 97 | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts :— | | | |
| Intermediate department, | 448 | | |
| | <hr/> | | 545 |
| Number of unbound pamphlets withdrawn, | | | 15 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for :— | | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 118 | | |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | 40 | | |
| | <hr/> | | 153 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for :— | | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 115 | | |
| Green Library fund, | 7 | | |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | 14 | | |
| | <hr/> | | 136 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
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| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 306½ |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 358½ |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 366 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 142,449 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 61,424 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 465, Reference department, 200), | 665 |

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| Largest daily use (home and reference), January 28, 1888, (Largest in Circulating department, March 24, 1,046; in Refer- ence department, February 8, 782). | 1,606 |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), August 22, (Smallest in Circulating department, October 2, 202; in Refer- ence department, August 2, 46). | 295 |
| Number of books lost and paid for:— Circulating department, | 5 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for:— Green Library, 1 Circulating department, 15 | 16 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 280 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 6,426 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,875 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 1,718 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made July 1, 1878), | 31,894 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
|--|--------|
| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,082 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 8,138 |
| Total number, | 12,220 |
| Average number of persons per Sunday using the rooms, | 235 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, November 11, | 364 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, August 5, | 84 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 2,417 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 47 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | | DONORS. | |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| | Books. Pamphlets. | | Books. Pamphlets. |
| Alder, Felix, <i>New York City</i> , 1 folded sheet. | | Baker, Mrs. F. M., 8 numbers of a newspaper. | |
| Albany Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement, | | Bartlett, C. W., <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> , 1 | 1 |
| Aldrich, P. Emory, | 1 | Barton, Edmund M., 4 numbers of a paper, 1 folded sheet. | 1 |
| Allen, Charles A., <i>New Orleans, La.</i> , | 1 | Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, <i>Florence, Italy.</i> | 32 |
| Allen, Nathan, <i>Lowell</i> , 1 folded sheet, | 2 | Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittoria Emanuele, <i>Rome, Italy.</i> | 3 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton.</i> | 1 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | | Birchard Library, <i>Fremont, Ohio</i> , 1 folded sheet. | |
| American Copyright League, | 2 | Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee, | 1 |
| American Federation of Labor, <i>New York City</i> , | | Blanchard, F. S. & Co., | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 2 | Boston, City Messenger, | 7 |
| American Society of Mechanical Engineers, | 1 | Public Library, | 3 |
| American Unitarian Association, | | School Committee, | 7 |
| Ames, J. G., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | Boston Children's Hospital, | 1 |
| Ames Free Library, <i>North Easton</i> , | | Boston University, | 2 |
| Amherst College, | | Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | 2 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover</i> , | | Boylston Public Library, | 1 |
| Anonymous, 1 sheet, 3 newspapers, 2 cuttings from a paper, | 8 | Bradlee, Caleb D., <i>Boston</i> , 1 sheet, | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 20 | Braun, Ad. & Cie, <i>Paris, France</i> , | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | 1 |
| Art Interchange Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | Brockton, Public Library, | 1 |
| Arundel Society, 1 folded sheet. | | Brookline, Public Library, | 1 |
| Associated Charities, <i>Boston</i> , | | Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | 3 |
| 4 single sheets, 5 folded sheets, | | Brown, Henry W., | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | 1 |
| Bailey, W. W., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | Buffalo Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | 1 |
| | | Bullock, A. G., | 1 |
| | | Burbank, Charles H., <i>Lowell</i> , | 2 |
| | | Burrows Brothers Co., <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> , 2 folded sheets. | |
| | | Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | 1 |
| | | Canfield, Mrs. Penelope S., | 7 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
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| Cardiff Free Library, Museum and Science and Art School, <i>Cardiff, Wales</i> , | | | Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | |
| Carriage Monthly Publishing House, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | 7 | Deuerlich, G., <i>Göttingen, Germany</i> , | | 1 |
| Chalmers, Patrick, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | Dexter, Franklin B., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Chamberlain, Daniel H., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | Drew, Allis & Co., | 2 | |
| Chamberlin, Henry H., 2d, 2 numbers of a paper. | | | Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Chase, Charles A., | 1 | | Earle, Pliny, <i>Northampton</i> , | 1 | |
| Cheever, Henry T., | 1 | | Ely, Richard T., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , 1 folded sheet. | | |
| Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Board of Trade, Public Library, | 1 | | Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 2 |
| Cilley, Bradbury L., <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , 1 newspaper, | | 2 | Estes, Hiram Cushman, <i>Leicester</i> , | 1 | |
| Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> . Board of Education, | | 1 | Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , 1 newspaper, | 2 | 1 |
| Public Library, | 1 | | Fall River Public Library, | | 1 |
| Cleveland, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | 1 | Faxon, Henry H., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | | | 1 paper, | | |
| Coles, Abraham, <i>Newark, N. J.</i> , | 1 | | First National Bank, <i>Lincoln, Nebraska</i> , 1 newspaper. | | |
| College of the Holy Cross, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | Fletcher Free Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| College of New Jersey, <i>Princeton, N. J.</i> , | | | Foster, Joseph, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> . | | | Foster, William E., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 2 |
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| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | | Gage, William Leonard, | 2 | |
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| Dartmouth College, <i>Hanover, N. H.</i> , | | | Goodell, Abner C., Jr., <i>Boston</i> , | | 3 |
| Davis, Andrew McFarland, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | Goodnow, Edward A., | 1 | |
| Davis, Horace, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | Gould, S. C. and L. M., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> , | | 11 |
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| Denny, Henry A., 8 newspapers. | | 1 | Great Yarmouth, <i>England</i> , Free Library, | | 1 |
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| Gun, Robert, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | 2 Lynn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Hall, Edward H., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | | 1 McKee, James Cooper, <i>U. S. A.</i> , | 1 | |
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| Hapgood, Warren, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 Marble, Albert P., | | 1 |
| Hartford Library Association, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | March, Francis A., <i>Easton, Penn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., | 1 | | Marsh, Lucius B., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | Massachusetts, Board of Lunacy and Charity, | | 1 |
| Haverhill Public Library, | 1 | | Secretary of the Commonwealth, | 20 | |
| Helleberg, C. G., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | | State Library, | 3 | 2 |
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| Hoar, George F., 1 folded sheet, | 14 | 10 | 1 Massachusetts Tariff Reform League, 1 folded sheet, | | 1 |
| Hopedale Public Library, | | | May, Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> , | | 8 |
| Howland, Henry J., | | 2 | Mead, Edwin D., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Indian Rights Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | Mechanics Institute, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | 1 | |
| Indianapolis, <i>Ind.</i> , Public Library, | | | Memorial Hall Library, <i>Andover</i> , | | 1 |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | 1 | | Mendum, J. P., <i>Boston</i> , | 20 | |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 11 | Mercantile Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Keokuk, <i>Iowa</i> . Board of Health, | 1 | | Mercantile Library Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Ladies' Commission on Sunday School Books, | | | Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Lake Forest University, <i>Lake Forest, Ill.</i> , | | 2 | Mercantile Library of Philadelphia, | | 4 |
| Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 | Merriam, John M., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 2 |
| Lanza, Gaetano, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | Merriman, Mrs. Helen B., | | 1 |
| Lawrence Free Public Library, <i>Leeds, England</i> , Free Public Library and Museum, | | | 2 Michigan, State Board of Health, | 2 | 7 |
| Leeson, J. R. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | | 1 Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, | | 2 |
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| land, | | | 1 Preston, Sidney H., <i>London,</i> | 1 | |
| Modern Press, <i>New York City,</i> | | | <i>Eng.,</i> | | |
| 3 numbers of a paper, | | | 8 Providence, City of, | 1 | |
| Montgomery, Hugh, | 1 | | Public Library, | | 1 |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick,</i> | | | 1 Providence & Worcester Rail- | | |
| Mount Holyoke Female Sem- | | | road Co., | | 1 |
| inary, <i>South Hadley,</i> | | | 1 Providence Athenæum, | | 1 |
| Mowry, William A., <i>Boston,</i> | | | 1 Publishers of the American | | |
| Museum of Comparative Zo- | | | Hebrew, | | 1 |
| ölogy, through Alexander | | | Publishers of Daily News, <i>St.</i> | | |
| Agassiz, <i>Cambridge,</i> | | | <i>Joseph, Mo.,</i> | | 2 |
| Museum of Fine Arts, <i>Boston,</i> | | | 5 Publishers of the News and | | |
| Nash, E. W., <i>New York City,</i> | | | Courier, | | 1 |
| National Association of Wool | | | 1 Publishers of the Open Court, | | 1 |
| Manufacturers, <i>Boston,</i> | 8 | | Publishers of Scientific Ameri- | | |
| New Bedford Free Public Li- | | | can, | 1 | |
| brary, | | | 1 Publishers of Scribner's Mag- | | |
| New Haven Free Public Li- | | | azine, | | 1 |
| brary, | | | 1 Raymenton, W. H., 1 news- | | |
| New York Free Circulating Li- | | | paper. | | |
| brary, <i>New York City,</i> | | | 1 Redwood Library and Athe- | | |
| Newark Library Association, | | | næum, <i>Newport, R. I.,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>Newark, N. J.,</i> | | | 1 Reid, J. A. & R. A., <i>Providence,</i> | | |
| Newberry Library, <i>Chicago,</i> | | | <i>R. I.,</i> | 1 | |
| <i>Ill.,</i> | | | 1 Reynolds Library, <i>Rochester,</i> | | |
| Newton Free Library, | | | <i>N. Y.,</i> | 2 | 1 |
| North Brookfield Free Public | | | Rice, Franklin P., | 4 | 26 |
| Library, | | | 1 Rice, W. W., | 1 | |
| Northborough Free Library, | | | 1 Rockwell and Churchill, <i>Boston,</i> | | 1 |
| Noyes, Charles, <i>North Andover,</i> | | | 1 Rogers, Edward H., <i>Chelsea,</i> | 1 | |
| Ohio Meteorological Bureau, | | | 1 Rogers, Horatio, <i>Providence,</i> | | |
| Omaha, <i>Neb.,</i> Board of Trade, | | | <i>R. I.,</i> | | 1 |
| Public Library, | | | 1 Rowell, J. C., <i>Berkeley, Cal.,</i> | | 2 |
| Parker, Henry L., | | | 1 Royal Society of Canada, <i>Mon-</i> | | |
| Pasco, S., | | | <i>treal, Canada,</i> | 1 | |
| Paterson, N. J., Free Public | | | Russell, John E., | 1 | 8 |
| Library, | | | 1 St. Louis, <i>Mo.,</i> Public Library, | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers,</i> | | | 1 St. Louis Medical College, | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody,</i> | | | 1 St. Louis Mercantile Library | | |
| Perkins Institution and Massa- | | | Association, <i>St. Louis, Mo.,</i> | | 1 |
| chusetts School for the | | | St. Paul, <i>Minn.,</i> Public Li- | | |
| Blind, | 1 | | brary, | | 1 |
| Philadelphia, <i>Pa.,</i> Committee | | | St. Paul, Minneapolis & Mani- | | |
| of the Learned Societies of, | 1 | | toba Railway Company, | | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exe-</i> | | | Salisbury, Stephen, | | 1 |
| ter, <i>N. H.,</i> | | | 6 San Francisco Free Public Li- | | |
| Plymouth, <i>England,</i> Free Pub- | | | brary, | | 1 |
| lic Library, | | | 1 Sanders, Mrs. M. A., <i>Pawtucket,</i> | | |
| Poland, W. C., <i>Providence,</i> | | | <i>R. I.,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>R. I.,</i> | | | 1 Sargent, Emily W., | | 1 |
| Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Board of | | | Sargent, Joseph, 8d, 8 numbers | | |
| Education, | | 1 | of a paper. | | |

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| Sawin, James M., <i>Providence,</i> | | | sion, | | |
| <i>R. I.,</i> | | | University of California, <i>Berke-</i> | | 12 |
| School of Expression, <i>Boston,</i> | 1 | | ley, <i>Cal.,</i> | 1 | |
| Smith, John C., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.,</i> | 1 | | University of Pennsylvania, | | |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Wash-</i> | | | <i>Philadelphia, Pa.,</i> | 1 | |
| <i>ington, D. C.,</i> | 4 | | Uxbridge Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Snow, Marshall S., <i>Washington</i> | | | Vassar College, <i>Poughkeepsie,</i> | | |
| University, <i>St. Louis, Mo.,</i> | 1 | | <i>N. Y.,</i> | | 1 |
| Soule Photographic Company, | | | Walker, Joseph H., | 2 | 6 |
| <i>Boston,</i> | 1 | | Wall, Caleb A., | 1 | 1 |
| Sprague, Homer B., <i>Grand</i> | | | Walsall Free Library, <i>Walsall,</i> | | |
| <i>Forks, Dakota,</i> | 1 | | <i>Eng.,</i> | | 1 |
| Springfield City Library Asso- | | | Waltham Public Library, | | 1 |
| ciation, | | | Warren County Library and | | |
| Stirling's and Glasgow Public | | | Reading Room Association, | | |
| Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland,</i> | 1 | | <i>Monmouth, Ill.,</i> 1 folded | | |
| Sumner, George, | | | sheet. | | |
| Taunton Public Library, | | | Washburn & Moen Manufac- | 8 | |
| Thayer, Eli, 1 sheet, 1 sheet | | | turing Company, | | |
| folded, 1 part of a news- | | | Watertown Free Public Li- | | 1 |
| paper, | 1 | | brary, | | |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Brantree,</i> | | | Wayland, Francis, <i>New Haven,</i> | | |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, | | | <i>Conn.,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>Quincy,</i> | | | Weeks, Stephen B., <i>Chapel Hill,</i> | | |
| Thompson, Eben Francis, | | | <i>N. C.,</i> | | 2 |
| Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth, | | | Welch, Edward H., <i>Georgetown,</i> | | |
| <i>Stamford, Conn.,</i> | 1 | | <i>D. C.,</i> | | 1 |
| Tinkham, S. E., <i>Boston,</i> | | | Wesleyan Academy, <i>Wilbraham,</i> | | 1 |
| Toledo, <i>Ohio,</i> Public Library, | | | Wesleyan University, <i>Middle-</i> | | |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toron-</i> | | | <i>town, Conn.,</i> | | 3 |
| <i>to, Canada,</i> | | | White, Andrew Dickson, <i>Ithaca,</i> | | |
| Townshend, John, <i>New York</i> | | | <i>N. Y.,</i> | | 1 |
| <i>City,</i> | 1 | | White, Guilford, <i>Easton,</i> | | 1 |
| Trade's Publishing Co., <i>Phila-</i> | | | Whitmore, Charles F., <i>Ness</i> | | |
| <i>delphia, Pa.,</i> | 1 | | <i>City, Kansas,</i> | | 1 |
| Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.,</i> | | | Williams, J. E., <i>Amherst,</i> | | 1 |
| Tuckerman, Alfred, <i>New York</i> | | 12 | Williams, Leighton, <i>New York</i> | | |
| <i>City,</i> | 1 | | <i>City,</i> | | 1 |
| Tuckerman, Joseph, <i>Newport,</i> | | | Williams College, <i>Williams-</i> | | |
| <i>R. I.,</i> | 1 | | <i>town,</i> | | 1 |
| Tufts College, <i>Medford,</i> | | | Wilmington Institute, <i>Wilmington,</i> | | |
| Unitarian Sunday-School So- | | | <i>Del.,</i> | | 1 |
| cietv, <i>Boston,</i> | | | Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge,</i> | | 18 |
| United States, Bureau of Edu- | | | Winter & Co., <i>Springfield,</i> | 1 | |
| cation, | 2 | | Winthrop, Robert C., <i>Boston,</i> | | 6 |
| Coast and Geodetic Survey | | | Wisconsin State Historical So- | | |
| Office, | | | cietv, | | 1 |
| Department of State, | | 11 | Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, | | |
| Department of War, | 19 | | Arts, and Letters, | 2 | 2 |
| Department of the Interior, | | 4 | Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| 1 chart, | 102 | | Woman's Medical College of | | |
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| City Hospital, | | | Yale University, <i>New Haven</i> , | | |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | | <i>Conn.</i> , | 1 | 2 |
| Worcester County Musical Association, | 2 | | Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Worcester District Medical Society, | 3 | 6 | | | |
| Worcester Lodge, Knights of Honor, | | 21 | | 520 | 584 |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Library Committee has met as usual once a month during the past year and has attended to the work which commonly comes under its supervision.

That work is fully described in the report of the Librarian.

Estimates have been carefully prepared of the amounts of money that will be needed in carrying out the plans which have been formed for the present year. These have been made with a strict regard to the needs of users of the library and to the dictates of a wise economy. The Committee repeats the statement of the Librarian that a supplement to our printed catalogue should be printed the current year.

It also emphasizes what he has said in regard to the need of more room in both the circulating and reference departments of the library. It is very important that a new building should be begun the present year.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the numerous gifts which have been made to the library the past year. These gifts have been formally acknowledged as received and a list of them is appended to the report of the Librarian.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK,
E. H. RUSSELL,
JOHN O. MARBLE,
A. G. BULLOCK,

Committee on the Library.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The duties of this Committee are, comparatively speaking, light, and consist mainly in looking after the comfort of readers and in perfecting the list of periodicals and papers taken in the reading-rooms.

It has been obvious for sometime past that the rooms are altogether too small, and the Committee congratulates the Board of Directors and the public upon the fact that steps have been taken to secure enlarged and more convenient quarters. In the plans which have been made for the new building the entire basement has been appropriated to the reading-room for newspapers. The descent of Elm street is so rapid from the present library building to the east end of the new lot that the room will be almost wholly above ground and will be entered on the level of the sidewalk.

It has been arranged, also, to light the room amply.

Added to this report is a list of gifts and the Committee gratefully acknowledges the kindness which it shows on the part of friends of the library ; there have been during the year continued and fresh manifestations of that kindness.

GEORGE SWAN,
B. W. POTTER,
M. H. HARRIS,

Committee on the Reading-room.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED TO OUR LIST DURING THE YEAR.

| | |
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| American garden, The. | Journal of morphology. |
| American monthly microscopical journal, The. | Musical record, The. |
| Bibliographer and reference list, The. | Our Day. |
| Civil service chronicle and U. S. consular record. | Phillips phonograph. |
| Dial, The. | Public opinion (American). |
| Garden and forest. | Sun and shade. |
| | Swiss cross, The. |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Citizen, The. | † Gardeners' monthly, The. |
| * Civil service chronicle and U. S. consular record. | |

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, The, | Publishers. |
| American gas light journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| American missionary, The, | American Missionary Association. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| Audubon magazine, | P. W. S. Canfield. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| C. T. A. News, | Thomas J. Conaty, |
| Christian leader, The, | University Publishing House. |
| Christian register, The, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Churchman, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Congressional record, | John E. Russell. |
| Le Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Evesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Home missionary, The, | Publishers. |
| Journal of American orthoepy, The, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, The, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |

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† Publication stopped.

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| Messenger, The, | Publishers. |
| Mid-Weekly, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary herald, The, | Publishers. |
| Musical herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open court, The, | S. S. Green. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| Practical mechanic, | Editor. |
| Public ledger, | George W. Childs, Editor. |
| Scandinavia, | Publishers. |
| Signs of the times The, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern workman, The, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Student statesman, The, | Publishers. |
| Sunday herald, The, | Anonymous. |
| Textile manufacturing world, | Publishers. |
| Le Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftonian, The, | Tufts College. |
| Unitarian review, The, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Universalist quarterly, The, | S. D. Harding. |
| Voice, the, | Funk & Wagnalls. |
| Watchman, The, | Publishers. |
| Woman's journal, The, | Joseph A. Howland. |
| Worcester daily spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester daily times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester evening gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's crisis, The, | Publishers. |
| Zion's herald, | Anonymous. |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

As its name indicates, this Committee has the building in its charge. It is also its business to see to it that the grounds are kept in good condition and that the building is properly lighted, heated and ventilated. These duties have been attended to, but have been principally of a routine character during the past year.

The Otis Governor has been attached to the Elevator, with the end in view of reducing to a minimum the possibility of injury coming to any user in consequence of an accident.

The room which was recently fitted up in the basement for the accommodation of the books of the Circulating Department is nearly full, and there is no other unoccupied space in the building that can be used in providing for the growth of that department.

In general it may be said that the building is too small to allow of room for the proper accommodation of the books or papers of any of the departments of the library, or to enable the officers to do their work satisfactorily.

This Committee agrees with the other committees in stating it as its abiding conviction that the City should start at once to build on the lot which it has bought during the past year.

THOMAS GRIFFIN, } *Building*
H. H. MERRIAM, } *Committee.*

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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Finance Committee herewith submits statements relating to the City appropriation and expenditure thereof and to the Green Library Fund, covering the year ending November 30, 1888.

The amount of the Green Library Fund is now \$43,117.91. In compliance with the requirements of the will of Dr. Green one-fourth part of the income of the Fund left by him has been added to the principal. The amount thus added this year is \$586.15.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$14,500; from dog license money, \$4,006.89; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$577.98; total, \$19,084.87.

The expenditures from this latter fund were \$19,068.54, leaving a balance of \$16.33 to be carried to the Sinking Fund.

The Committee has made the required examinations of the securities of the Green Library Fund in the hands of the City Treasurer, and also of his accounts of receipts and disbursements, and finds his statement of each to conform to the truth.

The Committee desires to make special mention of the care evinced by the City Treasurer, and of the simplicity and accuracy of the system adopted by him with reference to these accounts.

The Committee has also examined with care and detail the accounts of the Librarian and finds them to be absolutely correct.

It now presents for your consideration its estimates for the ensuing year.

F. A. GASKILL.
P. L. MOEN.
A. G. BULLOCK.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the Year ending November 30, 1888.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$14,500 00 |
| Dog money, | 4,006 89 |
| Fines, sale of books, catalogues, etc., | 577 98 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$19,084 87 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$998 85 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 140 48 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 123 45 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), postage stamps, expressage and minor running expenses, | 492 27 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 118 06 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 70 00 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 419 55 |
| Coal and wood, | 418 19 |
| Gas, | 778 50 |
| Water, | 124 08 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 3,411 16 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,000 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 762 80 |
| Additional library service, | 1,552 29 |
| Cataloguing, | 119 34 |
| Insurance, | 96 00 |
| Books, | 6,048 52 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading- room fund), | 400 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$19,068 54 |
| Balance to Sinking Fund, | 16 33 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$19,084 87 |

F. A. GASKILL.
P. L. MOEN.
A. G. BULLOCK.

STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

Nov. 30, 1888.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1888, is as follows :

| | | |
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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,300 94 | |
| Dividends on Bank stock, | 896 50 | |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 474 22 | |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 9 74 | |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioner, | 268 22 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,844 62 |
| Of this income, there has been added to the fund one-fourth part, viz., | \$ 586 15 | |
| And to the book account three-fourths, viz., | 1,758 47 | |
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| | | \$2,844 62 |

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer :

INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS, VIZ. :

| | Nov. 30, 1887. | Nov. 30, 1888. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$23,251 00 | \$21,750 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,300 00 | 7,300 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 11,980 76 | 14,067 91 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$42,531 76 | \$43,117 91 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Balance, December 1, 1887, | \$1,245 53 | |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,758 47 | |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 14 40 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total, | | \$3,018 40 |
| Expended for books during the year, | | 1,766 23 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance, Nov. 30, 1888, | | \$1,252 17 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1887. | Nov. 30, 1888. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balances, | \$42,531 76 | \$43,117 91 |
| Book account balances, | 1,245 53 | 1,252 17 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$43,777 29 | \$44,370 08 |

F. A. GASKILL.
F. L. MOEN.
A. G. BULLOCK.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

- JAMES E. ESTABROOK, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund of the Free Public Library :—

DR.

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dec. 1, 1888. | Balance in Treasurer's hands, 1887, | \$200 70 |
| Jan. | Money received from City, | 400 00 |
| | Interest on money in Savings Banks, | 292 48 |
| | Interest on Mortgage notes, | 170 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,072 18 |

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|---------------|---|----------------|
| Dec. 1, 1888. | Cash paid out for newspapers and periodicals, | \$919 59 |
| | Cash paid out for postage and stationery, | 2 90 |
| | | <hr/> \$922 49 |
| | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | <hr/> \$149 69 |

The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Money in Savings Banks, | \$7,812 65 |
| “ loaned on Mortgage, | 3,500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount of fund, | \$10,812 65 |

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. ESTABROOK,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

F. A. GASKILL.
A. G. BULLOCK.
P. L. MOEN.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.



THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1889.

WORCESTER, MASS.,
PRINTED BY CHARLES HAMILTON,
No. 311 MAIN STREET.

1890.

DIRECTORS IN 1890.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | E. HARLOW RUSSELL, | Dec. 31, 1890. |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | " 1891. |
| EDWARD B. GLASGOW, | MOSES H. HARRIS, | " 1892. |
| PHILIP L. MOEN, | BURTON W. POTTER, | " 1893. |
| EDWARD I. COMINS, | WALDO LINCOLN, | " 1894. |
| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | " 1895. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| PRESIDENT. | SECRETARY AND TREASURER. |
| E. HARLOW RUSSELL. | EDWARD I. COMINS. |

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY. | | |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | EDWARD B. GLASGOW, |
| WALDO LINCOLN, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL. | |

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|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| COMMITTEE ON READING-ROOM. | | |
| MOSES H. HARRIS, | BURTON W. POTTER, | JOHN O. MARBLE. |

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING. | | |
| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | EDWARD I. COMINS, | SAMUEL WINSLOW. |

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| COMMITTEE ON FINANCE. | | |
| A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | PHILIP L. MOEN, | WALDO LINCOLN. |

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS. | | |
| LUCIE A. YOUNG, | JESSIE E. TYLER, | ELLEN L. OTIS, |
| M. JENNIE BARBOUR, | SARAH D. TUCKER, | HATTIE J. CHILDS. |

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Honorable the Mayor, and the City Council:—

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their annual report.

The work done in the several departments of the library, the present condition of each and the income and expenditure are set forth in detail in the reports of the standing committees, of the librarian and the treasurer of the Reading-room fund, herewith presented.

Without going into particulars here, it may be proper to say that the total income of the library from the City, including the money from dog licenses and minor receipts from sales of catalogues, fines, etc., has been \$21,673.56, from the Green Library fund \$1,693.27, from the Reading-room fund \$475.81. The expenditures have been: from the City funds, of which \$400 was paid to the Reading-room account, \$21,654.17; from the Green Library fund \$999.19; from the Reading-room fund, \$434.95.

The Green Library fund has been increased during the year by adding to it one quarter of the income from its investments, and its present amount is \$43,682.34. The amount of the Reading-room fund is \$10,812.65. These funds are prudently invested and their management has been satisfactory. The accurate and simple method of keeping and stating the accounts of the Green Library fund by the city treasurer, William S. Barton, Esq., has lightened the labors of the finance committee and, with his unfailing courtesy, is gratefully acknowledged.

The number of volumes in the library Dec. 1, was 77,208. The increase during the year was 3,539. The number of volumes

used during the year was 184,959. That is to say, each volume was used on the average about two and one-half times. The number of cards outstanding entitling their holders to draw books from the circulating library was on the first of November about thirty-four thousand.

The number of newspapers regularly received and accessible to readers in the lower reading-room is 158, and of magazines in the Green Library reading-room 138.

The regulations for the use of the library have been so amended that the librarian is authorized, subject to an appeal to the directors, to suspend from the privileges of the library any person whose conduct in the reading-room or elsewhere in the building is disorderly or offensive; that cards entitling the holder to draw books from the circulating department may be issued on certain conditions to persons under the age of fifteen years; that cards entitling the holder to draw more than one book at a time may be issued in the discretion of the librarian to persons engaged in serious studies; that the reading-room and reference library shall be open on holidays, so that these departments are now open every day in the year.

The establishment of suburban delivery stations has been considered and the general features of a plan for that purpose so far agreed upon that it is hoped that eight such stations may be established and maintained during the coming year at an expense not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. By this means the inhabitants of the remote districts may be brought more nearly to equality, with regard to the convenient use of the library, with those who live near to the library building. Since they as well as others contribute by taxation to the maintenance of the library and are equally beneficiaries of its trust funds, the relief proposed seems to the directors no more than justice demands. Like considerations of justice and equality of privileges and benefits may be urged in behalf of the establishment of branch reading-rooms as recommended in the report of the committee on the reading-room. The directors, however, while they believe that such reading-rooms must before many years be established, are not prepared to recommend immediate action.

The action of the city council in providing for the construction of the new library building and the progress made during the year in erecting it, are peculiarly gratifying to the directors, inasmuch as wants long felt and of late very pressing will thereby be relieved, and also because this liberal provision gives convincing proof of the confidence of the council in the management of the library and intelligent appreciation of its advantages.

The estimates submitted for the coming year have been prepared with care and, the directors believe, include nothing that is not really important for the maintenance and efficiency of the library. They slightly exceed in amount the appropriations for the past year because they include \$1,500 for suburban delivery stations and some additional assistance required for renumbering and arranging the books of the Green library, preparatory to their removal to the new building.

The chief function of the library is, or should be, educational. Its service in providing entertainment and relaxation should not be overlooked or disparaged, but it is a minor service, and the more clearly the main purpose for which the books gathered here are selected is apprehended, the more frequently, largely and usefully they will be employed with that end in view. The librarian and the directors have kept steadily in mind that the library may be, and ought to be, the most widely and variously useful of the means of education provided for our citizens. Books are purchased with the design of making them serviceable as aids to the instructors and pupils of all the schools established here, from the primary schools to the Institute of Technology and Clark University. They are so used to some extent directly in connection with the text-books and other means of instruction, more in the higher institutions of learning, less in the common schools. Besides its educational value in connection with the schools, the library performs, and might perform more largely, another service, also educational, by giving to persons engaged in productive employments such information concerning the theory or practice of their arts as may be obtained from books. It has been the policy of the directors and of the librarian to purchase, as they appear, all valuable books treating of the processes of the mechanic arts, as well as of science,

literature and the fine arts. No questions relating to these subjects, or indeed any questions, which books, magazines or newspapers can answer, are left unanswered if proposed to the librarian, provided that the information required is accessible. If it cannot be obtained from our collection, the book needed to supply it, if it can be procured and is not too costly relatively to the use which can probably be made of it, is purchased. Or if an immediate answer is important, or for any reason the purchase of the book is thought inexpedient, it can generally be procured for temporary use from the Boston Athenæum or public library, or from the libraries of Harvard, Yale or Columbia universities. To the librarian of each of these institutions our thanks and those of the people of Worcester are due, for the liberal courtesy upon which we often make requisition, and never in vain, if power to comply with our requests is not wanting. In this way the educational work of the library is continued far beyond the period especially devoted to study, and throughout the time of active life, so that each inhabitant of Worcester may find and be assisted in using a library adapted to his special wants much larger than any, except persons of considerable wealth, can afford to provide for themselves.

In concluding this report the directors would express their thanks to the many persons, specified in the librarian's and the reading-room committee's reports, who have enriched the library and the reading-rooms by their gifts of books and periodicals during the past year.

They wish also to express for the citizens of Worcester their grateful appreciation of the invaluable services of the librarian, a man eminent in his profession, of whom it is not too much to say that his administration of this library has made it one of the foremost institutions of its kind in this country, and has given it a reputation in Europe of which our City may well be proud. The uniform faithfulness, courtesy, patience and skill of the assistants also deserves honorable recognition.

J. EVARTS GREENE,

For the Directors of the Free Public Library.

WORCESTER, Dec. 31, 1889.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To J. Evarts Greene, Esq., President of the Board of Directors :—

I herewith present the thirtieth annual report of the Librarian ; it is the nineteenth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, its accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sunday, and record such other facts in the history of the library the past year as it is our custom to call attention to.

The most noteworthy event in the history of the library during the year just closed has been the determination of the City Government to begin to put up a library building.

A lot of land adjoining the grounds occupied by the present building was bought last year for \$35,000. During the past year \$40,000 was appropriated to be used in beginning to build and a contract was made with Messrs. Outting and Bishop to erect the building and have it ready for occupancy January 1, 1891.

It is understood that the building and furniture will cost \$100,000 in addition to the price of the land.

The plans which had been made under the supervision of the building-committee of the previous City Government have been adopted in their most important features.

The outside of the building will be made of granite, freestone and a dull yellow or light brown brick from New Jersey. Every

effort has been made to make all portions of the library building as light as possible.

The interior arrangements are the same as those in the plans made last year.

It is with satisfaction and gratitude that the librarian and his assistants recognize the generosity of the City in the much needed attention which has been given to the requirements of the library in the way of increased accommodations for books and enlarged facilities for doing good work, and making investigation feasible and agreeable.

Owing to the open nature of the late months of autumn and of the month of December, the contractors have been enabled to make rapid progress in putting up the new building and there is every reason to believe that it will be finished at the time agreed upon.

A supplement to the catalogue issued in 1884 of the circulating and a portion of the intermediate departments has been prepared for the printer, printed and bound during the year just closed. It is an octavo volume of 723 pages.

On Thanksgiving day the library, for purposes of reference, and the two reading-rooms were thrown open to the public for the first time within the same hours as upon other week days.

This was done in accordance with a vote of the Board of Directors to afford such facilities on all holidays.

The library is now open for purposes of reference and for the use of magazines and papers every day in the year; on Sunday from 2 to 9 P. M. and on all other days forenoons as well as afternoons and evenings.

The circulating department will remain open as heretofore for the delivery of books every day in the year excepting Sundays and holidays.

Notices were posted in the library building about the first of September, to the effect that library cards then in use would become valueless November 1. A new registration of users of the library has since been going on and new cards have been given out which bear the indorsement of the statement that they will cease to be of value at the expiration of three years from the

date on which they are given out. It is hoped by the adoption of the expedient of limiting the time of the life of a card to render unnecessary future periodic cancellation of library cards.

In accordance with changes in the regulations, beginning with December 1, 1889, the librarian is empowered in his discretion, to give library cards to children under fifteen years of age, and to extend the use of Teachers' cards to certain persons not teachers who need to have out from the library several books at a time for purposes of study. The rule by which the librarian guides himself in giving out these cards will be explained upon application to him.

During the present year the Reference library is to be rearranged and renumbered preparatory to moving into the new building.

It is proposed to establish the present year, eight delivery stations in the suburbs of Worcester and to aim in this way to afford to their residents privileges in a measure equal to those enjoyed by persons living near the library building.

There will necessarily be an increased consumption of gas the present year since the walls of the new building have cut off a large portion of the light heretofore available in the reading-room for newspapers, and in the librarian's room. The trouble will only be temporary however, since the newspapers are to be removed to the basement of the new building and quarters are to be provided for the librarian and his assistants in the same structure.

The library had December 1, 77,208 volumes on its shelves, an increase of 3,539 volumes during the past year.

The use of the library during the same year has been 184,959 volumes.

A list of persons and institutions to whom we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us.

Especial gratitude is due to the Boston Athenæum. Particular mention should also be made of Harvard, Yale and Columbia university or college libraries and to the Boston Public Library for their great kindness during the past year, as in prev-

ious years, in lending us books for the use of citizens of Worcester.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee, which were attached to it after examination of the account :—

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December 16, 1889.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1888, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows :—

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1888, | \$219 19 | |
| Received for fines, | 436 80 | |
| " from sale of copies of the printed catalogues and of lists of additions, | 66 87 | |
| Received from deposits of persons not regularly allowed to take out books, | 6 00 | |
| Received as payments for books lost, | 6 25 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 15 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$750 31 |
| Paid in return of deposits, | \$ 12 00 | |
| Paid W. S. Barton, city treasurer, | 490 69 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$502 69 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1889, | 247 62 | |
| | <hr/> | \$750 31 |

A. G. BULLOCK, }
P. L. MOEN, } *Members of the Finance Committee.*
WALDO LINCOLN, }

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$17,000 00 |
| Income from invested funds:— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,715 02 |
| Reading-room “ | 475 81 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,190 83 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | \$4,182 87 |
| “ “ “ fines, | 486 80 |
| “ “ sale of catalogues, | 66 87 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 6 25 |
| Sundries, | 15 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,898 82 |
| Cash on hand at last report:— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,252 17 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 219 19 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 149 69 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,621 05 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$25,519 87 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books:— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$ 911 60 |
| City appropriation, | 6,220 08 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,131 68 |
| Periodicals:— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$ 87 59 |
| City appropriation, | 490 60 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 432 60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,010 79 |
| Binding, | 1,035 65 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Repairs and additions, } | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | \$ 258 61 |
| Insurance, | 27 00 |
| Fuel, | 440 98 |
| Lights, | 789 45 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitor), | \$7,030 35 |
| Cataloguing, | 677 66 |
| Extra service, | 1,472 09 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Printing Catalogues, | \$2,313 24 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 190 91 |
| Postage, | 117 73 |
| Sundries :— Water for elevator, etc., | \$140 38 |
| Printing report, | 37 52 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage and minor running expenses (including \$6.00 the amount paid out to depositors in excess of the amount received from them), | 886 81 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$564 71 |
| Paper covers (covering paper), | 34 56 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,095 81 |
| Cash on hand, December 1, 1889 :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,968 00 |
| Reading-room “ | 189 55 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 247 62 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,405 17 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$25,500 48 |
| Amount of City appropriation transferred to the Sinking Fund, | 19 39 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$25,519 87 |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 160 |
| Intermediate department, | 1,083 |
| Circulating department, | 1,526 |
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| | 2,769 |

Increase of volumes by gifts :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Intermediate department, | 612 |
| Circulating department, | 34 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 646 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Increase of volumes by binding periodicals :—

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Green Library, | 18 |
| Intermediate department, | 265 |
| Circulating department, | 29 |

307

Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library :—

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Intermediate department, | 1 |
|--------------------------|---|

Number of missing volumes restored since last report :—

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Circulating department, | 2 |
|-------------------------|---|

3,725

Number of volumes withdrawn since last report :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 48 |
| Circulating department, | 127 |
| | 170 |

Number of volumes missing since last report :—

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Green Library, | 1 |
| Intermediate department, | 1 |
| Circulating department, | 14 |
| | 16 |

186

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Net increase for the year, | 3,539 |
|----------------------------|-------|

Number of volumes in the library as last reported :—

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Green Library, | 22,255 |
| Intermediate department, | 17,520 |
| Circulating department, | 33,894 |

73,669

Total number of volumes in the library,

77,208

Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase :—

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Green Library, | 3 |
| Intermediate Department, | 29 |
| | 32 |

Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts :—

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 427 |
|--------------------------|-----|

459

Number of newspapers subscribed for :—

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 113 |
|-----------------------------------|-----|

Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room,

45

158

Number of magazines subscribed for :—

| | |
|--|-----|
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 117 |
| Green Library fund, | 7 |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | 14 |

138

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 305 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 358 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 122,424 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 61,128 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 401; Reference department 200), | 601 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), October 26, (Largest in Circulating department, February 23, 1892; in Reference department, October 26, 1828). | 2002 |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), September 5, (Smallest in Circulating department, September 5, 97; in Refer- ence department, July 2, 80). | 160 |
| Number of books lost and paid for :— | |
| Circulating department, | 6 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for :— | |
| Green Library, | 1 |
| Intermediate department, | 1 |
| Circulating department, | 8 |

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|---|--------|
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 127 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 6,131 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,519 |
| Number of names registered during the year to November 1, | 2,041 |
| Total number of names registered to November 1 (a new registry made July 1, 1873), | 33,935 |
| Number of names registered to December 1 (a new registry begun November 1), | 3,091 |

SUNDAY USE.

The Reading-rooms are open from 2 to 9 P. M.

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|--|--------|
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 3,964 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 7,853 |
| Total number, | 11,797 |
| Average number of persons, | 227 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, January 20, | 375 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, June 16, | 102 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,407 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 27 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|--|--------|-----------|--|--------|-----------|
| Academe, Worcester High School, | 1 | | Boston, City Messenger, Public Library, | 3 | 5 |
| Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa. | | | Boston Children's Hospital, | | 1 |
| Adams, Charles Francis, Boston, | 1 | 1 | Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., | | 7 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | 1 | 10 | Bradlee, Caleb D., Boston, 4 sheets. | 4 | |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | | | Braun, Ad. & Cie., Paris, France, | | 3 |
| American Federation of Labor, New York City, | | | Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library, | | 1 |
| American Home Missionary, | | | Brogl, Giacomo, Florence, Italy, | | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, | 1 | | Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y., | | 2 |
| American Unitarian Association, | | | Brown, Henry W., | 1 | |
| Amherst College, Amherst, | 1 | | Brown, John Croumble, London, Eng., | 6 | |
| Andover Theological Seminary, Andover, | | | Brown University, Providence, R. I., | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 1 map. 1 newspaper, 3 papers, | 2 | 31 | Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y., | | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa. | | | Bullock, A. G., | 135 | 1 |
| Arundel Society, 1 folded sheet. | | | Burrage, Albert C., Boston, | | 1 |
| Associated Charities, Boston. | | | Canfield, Mrs. Penelope S., | 11 | |
| Association for the Advancement of Women, | | | Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., | 1 | |
| Astor Library, New York City, | | | Cardiff Free Library, Museum and Science and Art School, Cardiff, Wales, | | 1 |
| Ayer, J. C. & Co., Lowell, | 1 | | Carriage Monthly Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa., | | 1 |
| Ballou, M. M., Boston, | 2 | | Central Vermont Railroad, | | 1 |
| Bangs & Co., New York City, | | | Chalmers, Patrick, London, Eng., | | 1 |
| Bangs, Merwin & Co., New York City, | | | Chapman, T. & Son, Edinburgh, Scotland, | | 2 |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | | Cheever, George B., New York City, | | 1 |
| Bell, George and Sons, London, Eng., | 1 | | Cheever, Henry T., | 1 | |
| Benton, J. H., Jr., Boston, | | | Chelsea, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Florence, Italy, | | | Chicago, Ill., Public Library, | | 1 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Vittoria Emanuele, Rome, Italy, | | 35 | Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Ill., | | 1 |
| Birchard Library, Fremont, Ohio, | | 5 | Childs, George W., Philadelphia, Pa., | | 1 |
| Birmingham, England, Free Libraries' Committee, | | 1 | Cilley, Bradbury E., Exeter, N. H., | | 1 |
| Bissell, Wilson S., Buffalo, N. Y., | 2 | | Cincinnati, Ohio, Public Library, | | 2 |
| Bodleian Library, Oxford, Eng., | 1 | | Cincinnati, Ohio, Superintendent of Public Schools, | | 1 |
| | | | Cincinnati Museum Association, | | 1 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets | DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets |
|--|--------|-----------|--|--------|-----------|
| Clark University, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 | Foster, William E., <i>Providence</i> , | | 1 |
| Clarke, Robert & Co., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 2 | Francis, George E., | | 4 |
| Cleveland, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 | Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> | | 1 |
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| Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 | Funk & Wagnalls, <i>New York City</i> , | 5 | |
| Concord, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 | Gage, Mabel C., | | 1 |
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| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 7 | Gage, William Leonard, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Connecticut Historical Society, | 1 | | Gardner, John W., 1 sheet. | | |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | 2 | 5 | Garver, Austin S., | 1 | |
| Crane, John C., | | 1 | Gay, George W., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Crooker, Joseph H., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 1 | General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | 3 |
| Cutter, Charles A., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | Georgetown College, <i>District of Columbia</i> , | | 1 |
| Damon, Mrs. Harriet W., | 2 | 1 | Gould, Elizabeth Porter, <i>Chelsea</i> , | | 1 |
| Dante Society, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | Goulding, Frank P., 1 folded sheet. | | |
| Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, <i>Davenport, Iowa</i> , | 1 | | Grafton Public Library, | 1 | |
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| Dean, Charles A., <i>Boston</i> . | 1 | 1 | Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of Massachusetts, | | 2 |
| Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | | 2 | Grand Rapids, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | |
| Deuerlich, G., <i>Göttingen, Germany</i> . | | 1 | Great Yarmouth, <i>England</i> , Free Library, | | 1 |
| Dewey, Melvil, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 | Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Doran, Joseph I., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 | Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , 2 folded sheets, | 2 | 6 |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 2 | 1 | Green, Samuel S., 2 newspapers, 5 folded sheets, 1 paper, | 2 | 18 |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | 1 | Hackett, Frank W., <i>Portsmouth, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Earle, Pliny, <i>Northampton</i> , | 1 | 1 | Hall, Edward W., <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | | 1 |
| Earle, Stephen C., | 1 | 2 | Hartford Board of Trade, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Eaton, N. A., <i>Eatonville, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | Hartford Library Association, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> | | 4 |
| Elliot Library Association, <i>Eliot, Me.</i> , | | 2 | Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 | Hartford Theological Seminary, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 3 |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , 2 folded sheets, | 1 | 1 | Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 7 |
| Ewing, Thomas. | | | | | |
| Falkner, Roland P., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | | | |
| Fall River, Public Library, | | | | | |
| Field, John H., <i>Janesville, Wisconsin</i> , | 1 | | | | |
| Fletcher Free Public Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | | | | |

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| Heywood, E. H., <i>Princeton</i> , 13 numbers of a paper, 2 sheets, 1 paper, | | | Manchester, <i>Eng.</i> , City of, | | 1 |
| Higginson, Thomas W., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 2 | | Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | | 1 |
| Highland Military Academy, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | Marble, Albert P., | | 4 |
| Hitt, Robert R., <i>Mt. Morris, Ill.</i> , | 1 | | March, F. A., <i>Easton, Pa.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Hoar, George F., | 7 | | Marlborough Public Library, | | 3 |
| Hopedale Public Library, | | | Marshall, William, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Horsford, Eben Norton, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | Massachusetts, Board of Lunacy and Charity, | 1 | |
| Hyde, Albert W., | | | Secretary of the Commonwealth, | 15 | 2 |
| Indianapolis, <i>Ind.</i> , Public Library, | | | State Library, | 12 | |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | 1 | | State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton</i> , | | 1 |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Johnson, A. J. & Co., <i>New York City</i> . 1 card. | | | Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <i>Boston</i> , | | 5 |
| Jones, Charles C., <i>Augusta, Ga.</i> , | | | Massachusetts New Church Union, | | 1 |
| Kansas State Historical Society, <i>Topeka, Kansas</i> , | | | Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, | | 1 |
| Kean, S. A. & Co., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | | May, Joseph, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Kingsbury, F. J., | | | Melrose Public Library, | | 1 |
| Kirschbaum, E. T., <i>North Grafton</i> , | 1 | | Mendum, Josiah P., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Knight, Hiram, <i>North Brookfield</i> , | | | Mercantile Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
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| Ladies' Hermitage Association, | | | Mercantile Library Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Lancaster, A. E., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | | Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | Mercantile Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Laughton, John E., <i>Richmond, Va.</i> , | | | Merchants National Bank, <i>Dayton, Ohio</i> , | | 1 |
| Lawrence Free Public Library, | | | Michigan State Board of Health, | 1 | 3 |
| Lawton, Susan E., | | | Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, | | 8 |
| Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | | Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | 2 |
| Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library and Museum, | | | Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Leicester Public Library, | | | Morrison, Francis M., | | 1 |
| Leominster, Town of, | | | Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | 1 |
| Leonard, Joseph, <i>Boston</i> , | | | Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, <i>South Hadley</i> , | | 2 |
| Leonard & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | | Museum of Comparative Zoology, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Libbie, Charles F. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | | Museum of Fine Arts, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Lincoln, Edward W., | | | Muybridge, Eadweard, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
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| New Haven Free Public Library, | | 1 | Reynolds Library, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 |
| New Jersey, State Library, <i>Trenton, N. J.</i> , | 1 | | Robbins, Elisha, | 20 | |
| New Mercantile Library Association, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | Roe, Alfred S., | 1 | 1 |
| New York, State Library, | | | Roffe, Albert H. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| New York Department of Public Parks, | | | Rotherham, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| New York Forest Commission, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , | | | Royal Society of Canada, <i>Montreal, Canada</i> , | 1 | |
| New York Free Circulating Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | | Russell, John E., <i>Leicester, Mass.</i> , | 29 | 8 |
| New York Historical Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | | St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Public Library, | 9 | 1 |
| Newberry Library, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | | St. Louis Hygienic College of Physicians and Surgeons, | | 1 |
| Newburyport Public Library, | | | St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | 1 |
| Newton Free Library, | | | St. Paul, <i>Minn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Nolan, Edward J., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | St. Paul, <i>Minneapolis & Manitoba</i> Railway Company, | | 1 |
| Northborough Free Library, | | | Salem Public Library, | 1 | |
| Norwich, <i>Conn.</i> , Board of Trade, | 1 | | Sallsbury, Stephen, | 1 | |
| Ohio, Meteorological Bureau, State Forestry Bureau, | | 2 | San Francisco Free Public Library, | | 2 |
| Omaha, <i>Neb.</i> , Board of Trade, | | | Sargent, Miss Emily W., 1 plate. | | |
| Omaha, <i>Neb.</i> , Public Library, | | | Sawin, James M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Paterson, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | Schoetensack, Heinrich August, <i>Berlin, Germany</i> , | 1 | |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | Scovell and Adams Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | | | Sewall, J. B., <i>Braintree</i> , | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i> , | | | Shedd, Mrs. Julia A., | 2 | |
| Pease, M. C., | | | Silas Bronson Library, <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i> , | 1 | 2 |
| Perley, Miss Mary N., | 1 | 12 | Smith College, <i>Northampton</i> , | | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | | Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 1 |
| Plymouth, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | | Society for Political Education, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Poland, W. C., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | Society to Encourage Studies at Home, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| Pope, Franklin Leonard, <i>Elizabeth, N. J.</i> , | 1 | | Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Providence, Public Library, | | | Southbridge, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Providence & Worcester Railroad Co., | | | Southbridge, Town Officers, | | 1 |
| Providence Athenæum, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | Sprague, A. B. R., | 1 | |
| Puttick & Simpson, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | Springfield City Library Association, | | 1 |
| Quaritch, Bernard, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | | State Library, <i>Richmond, Va.</i> , | | 4 |
| Randolph, J. W. & English, <i>Richmond, Va.</i> , | | | Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 2 |
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| Sullivan Brothers & Libble, <i>Boston</i> , | | | Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Co., | 1 | |
| Taber, Mrs. Mary J., <i>New Bedford</i> , | 1 | | Washington University, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | 1 |
| Taunton Public Library, <i>Thayer, Ell</i> , | 2 | | Waterhouse, Sylvester, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | 3 | 1 |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, <i>Quincy</i> , | | | Waters, Mrs. A. H., <i>Millbury</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Thomson, Peter G., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | | Watertown Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Tokyo Library, <i>Tokyo, Japan</i> , | | | West End Street Railway Company, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Toledo, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | | Westinghouse Electric Company, <i>Pittsburgh, Penn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Topeka, <i>Kan.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | Whitney, James L., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | | Williams, George W., | | 1 |
| Trowbridge & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | | Wilmington Institute, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | | 1 |
| Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | Winn, Henry, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| United States, Bureau of Education, | 2 | | Winslow, John, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Civil Service Commission, | 5 | | Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 2 |
| Department of Agriculture, | 1 | | Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Department of State, | 13 | 16 | Woodward, William. | | 1 |
| Department of War, | 9 | | Worcester, City of, | | 2 |
| Department of the Interior, | 1 sheet, | 252 | City Clerk, | 1 | |
| Department of the Navy, | 3 | | City Hospital, | | 1 |
| Department of the Treasury, | 2 | | Superintendent of Schools, | | 1 |
| Fish Commission, | 6 | | Worcester Academy, 1 folded sheet. | | |
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| Ordnance Office, | 1 | | Worcester Daily Telegram, | 9 | |
| Patent Office, | 1 | | Worcester District Medical Society, | | 8 |
| United States Naval Academy, <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> , | | | Worcester Lodge, Knights of Honor, | | 2 |
| University of California, <i>Berkeley, Cal.</i> , | 4 | | Worcester Natural History Society, | 1 | |
| University of Virginia, | 2 | | Worcester Polytechnic Institute, | | 1 |
| Uxbridge Free Public Library, | 1 | | Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 1 |
| Van Bibber, W. C., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | Wright, W. H. K., <i>Plymouth, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Van Dyke, John C., <i>New Brunswick, N. J.</i> , | | | Wyman, Morrill, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | |
| Vinton, Alexander H., | 1 | | Yale University, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 5 |
| Walsall Free Library, <i>Walsall, Eng.</i> , | 1 | | Young, Joseph P., | | 1 |
| | 1 | | Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
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R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

*To the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public
Library:*

The Library Committee has held during the current year (1889) ten regular and three special meetings, and has attended to the matters which properly come before it. Inasmuch as the doings of this Committee are fully recorded and are summarized in the Librarian's Report, it is deemed unnecessary to do more here than express the thanks of the Committee for the numerous gifts—more than six hundred in number—that have been made to the Library during the year.

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| E. H. RUSSELL, | } | <i>Committee on the Library.</i> |
| J. O. MARBLE, | | |
| A. G. BULLOCK, | | |
| GEO. SWAN, | | |
| J. EVARTS GREENE, | | |

December 21, 1889.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The management of this department by the efficient Librarian and his faithful assistants has been so satisfactory as to require but little attention from this Committee.

A list of periodicals and papers added and of those discontinued, also of gifts to the Reading-Room, is hereto appended, making now in use 138 periodicals and 158 papers.

The Committee desire to express their gratitude to the donors of papers and magazines.

The use of the Reading-Room has been about the same as last year, although the entrance has been somewhat obstructed by the new building.

Many of the leading journals are kept on file for reference after use in the Reading-Room, and most of the magazines and reviews are bound and the volumes added to the Library for reference, and some for circulation.

Your Committee, fully appreciating the superior advantages to residents in the vicinity of the Library building in having a Reading-Room supplied and conducted as this will be when the new building shall be completed, respectfully recommend to the consideration of the Board of Directors the extension of these advantages to the suburban districts by locating therein branch Reading-Rooms in connection with proposed branch Libraries.

GEO. SWAN, } Committee
M. H. HARRIS, } on the
B. W. POTTER, } Reading-Room.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

Nationalist, The.
New Review, The.
Republic, The.

Standard, The.
Woman's Journal, The.

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

American Garden, The.
*Daily Graphic, The.
*New Princeton Review, The.
*Publication stopped.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.
*Swiss Cross, The.

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, The, | Publishers. |
| American Amateur Photographer, The, | George E. Francis. |
| American Gas Light Journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American Machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| American Missionary, | American Missionary Association. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| Baptist Missionary Magazine. | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester Journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| C. T. A. News, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Camp News, The, | Patriot Order Sons of America. |
| Christian Leader, The, | University Publishing House. |
| Christian Register, The, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Churchman, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Congressional Record, | John E. Russell. |
| Le Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Denver Times, The, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's Magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Drapers' Record, The, | Proprietors. |
| La Edad de Oro, | Publishers. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Evesham Journal, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Home Missionary, | Publishers. |
| Journal of American Orthoepey, The, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, The, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Messenger, The, | Publishers. |
| Mid-Weekly, The, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary Herald, The, | Publishers. |
| Musical Herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical Times, | Publishers. |
| New England Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |

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| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open Court, The, | Publishers. |
| Our Dumb Animals, | Publishers. |
| Paradise of the Pacific, | Anonymous. |
| Practical Mechanic, The, | Editor. |
| Public Ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| Scandinavia, | Publishers. |
| Signs of the Times, The, | Eliza Thayer. |
| Southern Workman, The, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sunday Herald, The, | Anonymous. |
| Textile Manufacturing World, | Publishers. |
| Le Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftonian, The, | Tufts College. |
| Unitarian Review, The, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Universalist Quarterly, | S. D. Harding. |
| Voice, The, | Funk & Wagnalls. |
| Watchman, The, | Publishers. |
| Weekly Oregonian, | The Oregon Immigration Board. |
| West Shore, | H. W. Corbett. |
| Worcester Daily Spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Daily Times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester Evening Gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's Crisis, | Publishers. |
| Zion's Herald, | Anonymous. |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

The duties of the building committee for the past year, have been of a routine character.

Repairs have been few and the expenses moderate—the largest item of expense being \$98. That sum was spent to connect the drain of the present building with the new one, the old outlet having been cut off in making the foundations for the new building.

A new storm house will be required the present year. The plumbing of the present building is being thoroughly overhauled and the work now being done will cost about \$150.

An item of \$500 has been put into the estimates to cover the cost of the improvements mentioned and of the repairs which it is foreseen will have to be made during the year.

Careful consideration has been given to the sums needed for coal, water and gas. More gas will be required the present year as stated in the librarian's report.

The building committee notes with great satisfaction the fact that a new building is going up and that the work upon it is being pressed, and wishes to thank the City government for providing for the much needed accommodations.

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| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | } <i>Committee</i> | |
| EDW. B. GLASGOW, | | <i>on the</i> |
| E. I. COMINS, | | <i>Building.</i> |

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :—

The Finance Committee herewith submits statements relating to the City appropriation and expenditure thereof, and to the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1889.

The amount of the Green Library Fund is now \$43,682.34. As required by Dr. Green's will, one fourth part of the income of the fund he left has been added to the principal, and the amount added this year is \$564.43.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$17,000; from dog license money \$4,182.87; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$490.69; total \$21,673.56.

The expenditures from this last amount were \$21,654.17, leaving a balance of \$19.39 to be carried to the Sinking Fund.

The Committee has examined the securities of the Green Library Fund in the hands of the City Treasurer, and also his accounts of receipts and disbursements, and finds his statements of each correct. His excellent system and method made our labor easy.

The librarian's accounts were also carefully examined and are fully approved.

The committee submits for your consideration its estimates for the coming year.

A. G. BULLOCK,
PHILIP L. MOEN, } *Finance Committee.*
WALDO LINCOLN, }

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial statement for the year ending November 30, 1889.

RESOURCES.

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| City appropriation, | \$17,000 00 |
| Dog money, | 4,182 87 |
| Fines, sale of books, catalogues, etc., | 490 69 |
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| | \$21,673 56 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$1,035 65 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 221 12 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 104 87 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), postage stamps, expressage and minor running expenses, | 435 19 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 133 37 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 60 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 24 75 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 258 61 |
| Coal and wood, | 440 93 |
| Gas, | 789 45 |
| Water, | 140 38 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 3,910 85 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,000 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 770 00 |
| Additional library service, | 1,472 09 |
| Cataloguing, | 27 66 |
| Insurance, | 27 00 |
| Books, | 6,310 63 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room fund), | 400 00 |
| Supplement to catalogue, | 2,092 12 |
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| | \$21,654 17 |
| Balance to Sinking Fund, | 19 39 |
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| | \$21,673 56 |

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| A. G. BULLOCK, P. L. MOEN, WALDO LINCOLN. | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
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STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1889.

The income for the year ending Nov. 30, 1889, is as follows :

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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$1,109 66 |
| Dividends on Bank stock, | 370 00 |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 561 66 |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 7 11 |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioner, | 134 27 |
| Premium on Bank stock, | 75 00 |

\$2,257 70

Of this income, there has been added to the fund one-fourth part, viz.,

\$ 564 48

And to the book account three-fourths, viz.,

1,693 27

\$2,257 70

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer :

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | Nov. 30, 1888. | Nov. 30, 1889. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$21,750 00 | \$19,750 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,300 00 | 6,800 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 14,067 91 | 17,132 34 |
| Total, | <hr/> \$43,117 91 | <hr/> \$43,682 34 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Balance, Dec. 1, 1888, | \$1,252 17 |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,693 27 |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 21 75 |
| Total, | <hr/> \$2,967 19 |
| Expended for books, during year, | 999 19 |
| Balance, Nov. 30, 1889, | <hr/> \$1,968 00 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1888. | Nov. 30, 1889. |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Investment balances, | \$43,117 91 | \$43,682 34 |
| Book account balances, | 1,252 17 | 1,968 00 |
| | <hr/> \$44,370 08 | <hr/> \$45,650 34 |

Correct.

W. S. BARTON,

City Treasurer.

Approved.

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| A. G. BULLOCK, | } Finance Committee. |
| P. L. MOEN, | |
| WALDO LINCOLN, | |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

E. I. COMINS, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund of the
Free Public Library:—

| Dr. | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| Dec. 1, 1889. | Balance in hands of Treasurer, Dec., 1888, | \$149 69 |
| Jan., 1889. | Received from City, | 400 00 |
| | Interest received from Savings Banks, | 292 48 |
| | “ “ on notes, | 188 38 |
| | | \$1,025 50 |
| Cr. | | |
| Dec. 1, 1889. | Cash paid for periodicals, | \$832 60 |
| | “ “ “ money orders, | 1 05 |
| | “ “ “ postage and stationery, | 2 30 |
| | | \$835 95 |
| | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | \$189 55 |
| The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows:— | | |
| | Money in Savings Banks, | \$7,812 65 |
| | “ loaned on Mortgage, | 1,500 00 |
| | Eleven shares Norwich & Worcester R. R. stock, | 2,000 00 |
| | | \$10,812 65 |

Amount of fund,

Respectfully submitted.

E. I. COMINS,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

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| A. G. BULLOCK, P. L. MOEN, WALDO LINCOLN. | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.



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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
CITY OF WORCESTER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1890.

Worcester, Mass.:
PRESS OF F. S. BLANCHARD & CO.,
154 FRONT STREET.
1891.

DIRECTORS IN 1891.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | A. GEORGE BULLOCK, | Dec. 31, 1891. |
| EDWARD B. GLASGOW, | EDWIN T. MARBLE, | " 1892. |
| PHILIP L. MOEN, | BURTON W. POTTER, | " 1893. |
| EDWARD I. COMINS, | WALDO LINCOLN. | " 1894. |
| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | " 1895. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | GEORGE M. WOODWARD, | " 1896. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

A. GEORGE BULLOCK.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

EDWARD I. COMINS.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

JOHN O. MARBLE, EDWARD B. GLASGOW, WALDO LINCOLN.
EVERETT J. BARDWELL, BURTON W. POTTER.

COMMITTEE ON READING-ROOM.

EDWIN T. MARBLE, THOMAS J. CONATY, JOHN O. MARBLE.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

SAMUEL WINSLOW, EDWARD I. COMINS,
GEORGE M. WOODWARD.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

A. GEORGE BULLOCK, PHILIP L. MOEN, WALDO LINCOLN.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.

LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS,
SARAH D. TUCKER, HATTIE J. CHILDS, AROLYN L. JOHNSON.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

5 *To the Honorable Francis A. Harrington, Mayor,
 and the City Council of the City of Worcester:*

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their thirty-first annual report.

The accompanying reports, namely, of the four standing committees, of the treasurer of the reading-room fund, and of the librarian, exhibit in full detail the work of the past year and the present condition of the library. They afford evidence of generous appreciation and support on the part of the city government, of careful and economical management, and of the increasing usefulness and popularity of this important agency of information and education among all classes of our community.

The pecuniary resources of the library during the past year have been as follows: City appropriation, \$16,496.00; dog-license money, \$4,272.84; fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$571.94; total, \$21,340.78. The expenditures from this amount were \$21,327.27; balance transferred to the credit of another department, \$13.51.

The income from the Green Library fund has been \$2,162.45; of this income there has been added to the fund itself, as required by the will of Dr. Green, one-fourth part, viz., \$540.61; the remaining three-fourths, viz., \$1,621.84, have been added to the Green library book-account.

The reading-room fund has yielded an income of \$493.77, to which was added \$400.00 from the city appropriation; total,

\$893.77; the disbursements from this fund for the year have been, \$801.95.

The amount of the Green Library fund is now \$44,222.95.

The present amount of the reading-room fund is \$10,856.40.

These funds are properly invested and have been managed in a conservative and satisfactory manner.

On December 1, the library numbered 81,425 volumes in all its departments. The accessions during the year have been 4,217 volumes.

The use of the library during the year has amounted to 185,123 volumes, a moderate increase over that of last year.

The reading-rooms are now supplied with 300 newspapers and periodicals, and are largely frequented, particularly in the evening. Fifty-nine of the above papers and periodicals are supplied by the liberality of friends, to whom our hearty thanks are hereby extended. The directors also wish to express their thanks for the various other donations and favors received, whereof a full list will be found in its proper place. Particular mention should be made of the Boston Athenæum, Harvard University, Columbia College, and the Boston Public Library for continued assistance in the loan of their books for the use of our students.

The librarian in his report very properly emphasizes the fact that our reading-rooms and reference library are now open to the public every day and evening throughout the year. Although this involves, of course, a somewhat larger force of attendants, we believe it to be a wise, as well as liberal, arrangement.

The estimates for the coming year, though not so much as might be expected in view of the larger work to be assumed in consequence of our greatly increased accommodations, are considerably higher than those of former years. On this very account they have been made up with the greatest care. The librarian, the finance committee, and the full board of directors have considered every item, and it is believed that the figures submitted indicate the lowest sum for which the library can be carried on with reasonable efficiency.

It will be remembered that a plan was proposed in last year's report for the establishment of a number of suburban delivery stations in various distant parts of the city, and an estimate was

offered of the probable cost of maintaining eight such stations for the year. As no appropriation was made for carrying this plan into effect, the matter stands where it stood a year ago. The directors have not changed their opinion as to the desirability of suburban delivery, and are ready to apply to such purpose any funds that may be placed in their hands therefor.

The conspicuous, and we may almost say dramatic, event of the year has been the erection of the new building. This has seemed to be about equally interesting to the passing spectators who have viewed it from the street and to those who have watched and directed its progress from behind the scenes. It marks an important step in the history of the library. The structure is now at the point of completion, and its magnitude, proportions, and architectural features stand fully revealed. It gives every promise of being highly satisfactory, and reflects great credit upon all who have taken part in its design, construction and equipment. Of course, it will have to be tried by use for some months before a verdict can be pronounced upon its convenience in all particulars. But there is no doubt whatever about the great relief that will be experienced by all who have to do with the library when its main business is removed from the present cramped and unsuitable quarters, where, it must be said, the proverbial patience of the American public, under the most trying inconveniences, has long found an ample field for exercise and illustration. Very appropriately, the two edifices, the old and the new, will continue to stand in connection side by side, and by the significant contrast in size, adaptability and elegance which they present, will remain a forcible reminder of the growth and development of our city and its beneficent institutions.

The new building presents an exterior that is, by no means, discreditable to our thriving and ambitious community. Its appearance to the passer-by is expressive of dignity, refinement, and appropriateness, while to the visitor and the student, its interior arrangements will be found to have been planned with intelligence, liberality, and good taste. We hazard nothing in predicting that our citizens will find much satisfaction in their daily use of the library under these improved conditions, and will point with new pride to the clear evidence it gives of the

enlightened public spirit which has long prevailed here, and which is the sure index of a true civilization. We desire fully to endorse the warm acknowledgements expressed in the librarian's report to the various officers who have represented the city government, and who, in a spirit of liberal and courteous co-operation, have done everything in their power to ensure the success of this undertaking.

During the year the library has suffered the loss of a valued member of its staff of assistants. Miss M. Jennie Barbour handed in her resignation in July, and there was no alternative but to accept it, which was accordingly done, with suitable expressions of appreciation and regret. She had served the library for years with intelligence and faithfulness, and her place will not be easy to fill. Such, however, is the arrangement and gradation of the assistants, that the jar of even so serious a loss as this does not fall solely upon any single point of the organization, but is so distributed throughout the force as to be reduced to a minimum.

The directors feel that they can scarcely speak in terms of too high praise of the fitness and fidelity of the librarian and his assistants. The public hardly realizes as yet that library administration is rapidly growing into a recognized profession by itself; that it already demands not simply intelligence, accuracy, and patience, on the ordinary plane, but wide learning, business capacity, technical knowledge, and above all, originality and enthusiasm. These qualifications our librarian undoubtedly possesses, and the directors would sooner expect occasion to moderate than stimulate his inventiveness and zeal. With true professional spirit and purpose, he is alert and indefatigable in his efforts, not only to keep up the efficiency of the institution in every department, but to enlarge and improve it by opening up new lines of service in various directions of convenience, utility, and entertainment.

The assistants perform a great amount of skilled labor for a very moderate compensation, with no special perquisites or privileges. With more hours of attendance and fewer holidays than school teachers enjoy, and without the stimulating presence and responsiveness of classes of pupils, they do their work with unflinching cheerfulness and tact, and in a manner that is always

obliging and helpful. The city has been fortunate in retaining several of them for a considerable length of time, every year of which has, of course, given added value to their services.

The needs of our schools, from the kindergarten to the university, are always kept prominently in view in the selection of books and the establishment of regulations for their use. But not these exclusively. A public library is primarily an agency of education, no doubt; but it is something more. The ministry of books is not limited to the giving of information, or even to the cultivation of the intellectual powers. Literature is not the prerogative of scholars, it appeals as well to the sympathies and the moral nature of all classes and all ages. It is a solace in loneliness and grief, it rescues the mind from vacuity and idleness, and sometimes proves a diversion from dark thoughts and dark purposes. A library, therefore, when administered in a broad and liberal spirit, is not simply an adjuvant of the school, but is, quite as much and quite as legitimately, a guardian and helper of the home. With this view, it is our policy to meet, as far as our means allow, every reasonable want that is made known to us, from whatever source; and it is with this purpose that the endeavor has been made, as elsewhere referred to, to render the library accessible to readers of limited leisure by opening its doors on Sundays and holidays—in short, on every day and evening of the year.

In conclusion, while renewing the expression of their grateful acknowledgements for the generous support given to the library in past years, the directors take the present occasion to commend this great and growing institution with confidence and warmth to the continued favor of our citizens as represented by the city government. Amid the noise of so many industrial and commercial activities, there is always danger that the still small voice of books may be too little regarded. A library does not advertise, it hangs out no glaring sign, it sounds no steam-gong to summon its workers to their places, its walls do not tremble with the movement of machinery. Like many of the great forces of nature, the library does its work in silence. It stands not unlike a vast mountain which condenses the invisible vapor of the atmosphere and sends down innumerable streams to freshen and fertilize the valleys below.

Although the librarian can exhibit no monthly balance-sheet showing figures of profit or loss, there is yet in all thoughtful minds the conviction that no similar outlay of money that our city makes, to increase its attractiveness as a place of residence and to promote the welfare of its inhabitants, is more safely and wisely invested or yields surer and richer returns than the annual appropriations that go to provide our people with an abundance of wholesome and profitable reading.

In behalf and by vote of the Directors,

E. HARLOW RUSSELL,

DECEMBER 30, 1890.

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Mr. E. Harlow Russell, President of the Board of Directors:

I herewith present the thirty-first annual report of the Librarian; it is the twentieth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, the accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sundays and holidays, and record such other facts in the history of the library the past year, as it is our custom to call attention to.

The most noteworthy event in the history of the library during the year just closed, has been the near approach to completion of the new library building. It will be remembered that the city bought a lot adjoining the old library premises in 1888, on which to build an addition to the library building. Plans were made for the new structure, and in 1889 an appropriation of \$40,000 was made by the city government for beginning to build. During the year just past the government made an additional appropriation of \$50,000, towards completing the building. All the money thus far appropriated has been raised by taxation, and none of it has been secured by a loan.

It was understood before beginning to build that the new building would cost \$100,000, besides the price of the land, when finished. The sum anticipated will be needed. The city government will have, therefore, to appropriate the present year a sum of money sufficient to supply furniture and fixtures.

The new building is a credit to the city, and when it comes to be used in connection with the other structure, with which it is joined, will prove a source of great comfort and enjoyment to the users of the library. The outside of the building is beautiful; the inside attractive and convenient, and so planned that the work to go on in it can be economically attended to. It is becoming in the librarian to state that the courtesy which has been shown to him and to the Board of Directors of the library by the Building Committee of the City Government, and by the Superintendent of Public Buildings has from the beginning of the formation of plans to the present time been perfect. The Building Committee began its work by asking for the appointment of a committee of the Board of Directors to confer with it and state the wishes of the officers of the library. It listened with deference to the desires of the committee which was chosen, and with its concurrence (and very marked civility) requested the librarian to plan the interior of the building with the advice and aid of Mr. Stephen C. Earle, architect, and Mr. Charles H. Peck, Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Too much praise cannot be awarded the Building Committee of the city government for the wisdom which has characterized its labors, and the politeness which it has shown to the officers of the library. The building will be unspeakably better for the hearty concurrence which has existed at every stage of the work between the committee of the city government and the officers of the library. Worcester has set an example in this respect which other places would show wisdom in following.

It is expected that the new library building will be ready for occupancy in a short time. The stack, or shelving for books, has been under contract for several weeks, and the plans for furniture are nearly completed. The subject of fixtures is receiving constant attention. Calculations are being made to occupy the great reading-room for newspapers, the rooms for study and the work-rooms of the new building early in the year. It is intended to move the books of the Green and Intermediate departments into the new building gradually.

The expenses of running the library with its added accommodations will be considerably increased. That must necessarily be the case, but every effort will be made to keep down expendi-

tures. The mere cost of lighting and heating the new building will be a large item, as the addition to the library building is much more extended than the original building. Two janitors will be required where one answered before. A certain amount of additional assistance in doing library work proper will be required. It will take more water to run three elevators, two boilers and numerous toilet rooms than was required by the fewer appurtenances of these kinds belonging to the old building.

The new building must be insured also. All that can be said on the other hand is that such care has been taken to keep down expenses that the additional sum required while considerable will appear to thoughtful men as surprisingly small.

It is interesting to note in this connection that the amount available from dog licenses has increased steadily; for so much of the money thus derived as is disposed of by the statutes of the state for the benefit of public libraries or public schools has been every year made a part of the income of the library. For the year ending December 31, 1870, the amount received by the library from dog licenses was \$1,931.05. The present year the amount which has been placed to our credit is more than \$5,000. It will be remembered that the two reading-rooms and the library for purposes of reference were thrown open to the public on holidays during the same hours as on other week days for the first time Thanksgiving Day, of 1889. The past year is the first one, therefore, in which the experiment has been tried for a whole year. The Green Library room has been open holidays from 9 o'clock a. m., to 9½ o'clock p. m., the reading-room for newspapers, from 8 o'clock a. m., to 9½ o'clock p. m. It is gratifying to notice that the two rooms have been used by 150 persons on an average every holiday, and that 44 volumes have been called for, for purposes of reference, every day, besides such books as users of the library have helped themselves to. No record has been kept of the number of magazines, reviews and papers used on holidays, but the number has been large. It has proved a success to have the library open for purposes of reference, and the periodicals and papers available every day in the year excepting Sundays, at the same hours as on other week days. It was early shown, too, by this library that it is very

desirable that reading-rooms and libraries for reference purposes should be open to the public on Sundays. Ours was the first library in New England to show this. Men who have not quiet homes to read in, nor books or magazines to read in those homes come here in great numbers to read our books, papers and periodicals. They can come here and have anything that the library owns in literary matters, from two until nine every Sunday afternoon and evening. They have been able to do so since 1872. During the last year 11,256 persons availed themselves of the privilege. All honor to Worcester for throwing open the doors of its library and reading-rooms to the public for many hours every day in the year. Creditable, too, is it to the citizens of Worcester that they choose to come here in such numbers as they do, instead of frequenting exclusively the many places of amusement which are offered them Sundays as well as week days. Amusements are salutary, but it is pleasant to see combined with the fondness for them a love of good reading and study.

The Library had on its shelves December 1, 1890, 81,425 volumes, divided as follows :

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Green Library, | 22,942 |
| Intermediate Department, | 21,287 |
| Circulating “ | 37,196 |

The increase in the number of volumes during the year has been 4,217 as against 3,539 the previous year. The use of the library during the year now reported on has been 185,123 volumes, an increase over that of last year.

The use has been divided as follows :

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| Circulating Department, for use at home, | 127,341 |
| Reference use (on all days excepting Sundays and Holidays,) | 56,182 |
| Sunday use (53 Sundays,) | 1,249 |
| Use on Holidays (8 days,) | 351 |

A list of persons and institutions to which we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us.

Especial gratitude is due to the Boston Athenaeum. Particular mention should also be made of the libraries of Harvard

University and Columbia College, and of the Boston Public Library for their great kindness during the past year, as in previous years, in lending to us books for the use of citizens of Worcester.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee appended. These signatures were made after the account had been examined by the committee:

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December 20, 1890.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1889, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows:

| | | |
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| Cash balance in librarian's hands December 1, 1889, | \$247 62 | |
| Received for fines, | 416 94 | |
| Received from sale of copies of the printed catalogues and lists of additions, | 144 57 | |
| Received for deposits of persons not regularly allowed to take out books, | 11 50 | |
| Received for books injured or lost, | 8 82 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 14 86 | |
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| | | \$844 31 |
| Paid in return of deposits, | \$11 50 | |
| Paid for books returned which had been settled for as lost, | 75 | |
| Paid W. S. Barton, Esq., City Treasurer, | 571 94 | |
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| | \$584 19 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1890, | 260 12 | |
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| | | \$844 31 |

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| A. G. BULLOCK, | } <i>Members of Finance Committee.</i> |
| P. L. MOEN, | |
| WALDO LINCOLN, | |

REPORT OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$16,496 00 |
| Income from invested funds : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,647 04 |
| Reading-room " | 493 77 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,140 81 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 4,272 84 |
| " " fines, | 416 94 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 144 57 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 8 82 |
| Sundries, | 14 86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$23,494 84 |
| Cash on hand at last report : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,968 00 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 247 62 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 189 55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,405 17 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$25,900 01 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,185 56 |
| City appropriation, | 6,441 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,627 15 |
| Periodicals : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$36 02 |
| City appropriation, | 209 10 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 801 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,046 12 |
| Binding, | \$976 10 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Repairs and additions, } | 833 64 |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | |
| Insurance, | 68 80 |

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| Fuel, | \$460 41 |
| Lights, | 814 80 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

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|--|------------|
| Administration, (including wages of janitors,) | \$7,297 37 |
| Cataloguing, | 784 24 |
| Extra service, | 1,782 64 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Printing Catalogues, | \$195 90 |
| Blanks and Stationery, | 189 33 |
| Postage, | 139 52 |
| Sundries :— | |

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|---|----------|
| Water for elevator, etc., | \$151 14 |
| Printing Report, | 36 77 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic,) expressage and minor running expenses, | 547 62 |

\$735 53**Paper covers (covering paper,)****Cash on hand December 1, 1890 :**

| | |
|---|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,393 46 |
| Reading-room “ | 281 37 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 260 12 |

\$1,934 95**\$25,886 50****Amount of City Appropriation transferred to the credit
of another department,****13 51****\$25,900 01****ACCESSIONS.****Increase of volumes by purchase :**

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Green Library, | 505 |
| Intermediate department, | 1,143 |
| Circulating department, | 1,833 |

3,481**Increase of volumes by gifts :**

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 374 |
| Circulating department, | 239 |

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| Increase of volumes by binding periodicals : | | |
| Green Library, | 10 | |
| Intermediate department, | 342 | |
| Circulating department, | 26 | |
| | <hr/> | 378 |
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 3 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | | 1 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 4,476 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 12 | |
| Circulating department, | 237 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 249 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | 10 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 259 |
| Net increase for the year, | | 4,217 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported : | | |
| Green Library, | 22,427 | |
| Intermediate department, | 19,437 | |
| Circulating department, | 35,344 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 77,208 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | 81,425 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 84 | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 444 | |
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| | | 528 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 113 | |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | 45 | |
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| | | 158 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 120 | |
| Green Library fund, | 7 | |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | 15 | |
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CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 304 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 365 |
| Number of days the lower reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 127,341 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 56,182 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department, 419; Reference department, 185.) | 604 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference,) February 15, (Largest in Circulating department, October 25, 944; in Reference department, December 6, 505.) | 1,350 |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference,) July 31, (Smallest in Circulating department, October 24, 193; in Reference department, August 23, 38.) | 261 |
| Number of books lost and paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 5 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 5 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 10 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 237 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 6,303 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,702 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 4,859 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made November 1, 1889.) | 7,950 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
|--|--------|
| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 o'clock to 9 o'clock p. m. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,307 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 6,949 |
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| Total number, | 11,256 |
| Average number of persons, | 212 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, November 23, | 370 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 6, | 97 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,249 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 24 |

HOLIDAYS.

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| The upper Reading-room is open from 9 o'clock a. m., to 9½ o'clock p. m. | |
| The lower room from 8 o'clock a. m., to 9½ o'clock p. m. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 744 |

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| Number of persons using the lower room, | 1,198 |
| Total number, | 1,942 |
| Average number of persons, | 150 |
| Largest attendance, February 22, | 392 |
| Smallest attendance, July 4, | 91 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 351 |
| Average number of volumes used, | 44 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Academy of Natural Sciences, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, 2 folded sheets, | | 3 |
| American Anti-Vivisection Society, | | 10 |
| American Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions, | | 1 |
| American Home Missionary Society, | | 2 |
| American Institute of Architects, | | 2 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| American Library Association, 1 folded sheet, | | 1 |
| American Library Association, Trustees' Section, | | 1 |
| American Missionary Association, <i>New York City</i> , | 8 | 8 |
| American Society of Mechanical Engineers, | 1 | |
| American Unitarian Association, | | 3 |
| Amherst College, <i>Amherst</i> , | | 3 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover</i> , | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 2 folded sheets, 4 papers, | 2 | 21 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Arber, Edward, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Armstrong, Margaret, 2 newspapers. | | |
| Arundel Society, <i>London, Eng.</i> , 1 folded sheet. | | |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , 1 sheet. | | |
| Baillie's Institution Free Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Baker, Mrs. F. M., <i>Charlton</i> , | | 4 |
| Baltimore New Mercantile Library Association, | | 1 |
| Bangs & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Barrow, Mrs. J. W., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bartlett, Theodore H., 1 map. | | 1 |
| Bean, Walker L. & Co., <i>Spokane Falls, Washington</i> , | | 1 |
| Belford-Clarke Co., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Berkshire Athenæum, <i>Pittsfield</i> , | 1 | |
| Berry, John M., <i>Millbury</i> , 2 folded sheets, 1 card, | | 3 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, <i>Florence, Italy</i> , | | 27 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, <i>Vittoria Emanuele, Rome, Italy</i> , | | 5 |
| Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries' Committee, | | 1 |
| Bixy, James T., <i>Yonkers, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | |
| Blair, H. W., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Blake, H. G. O., | 1 | |
| Blanchard, F. S. & Co., | 1 | 1 |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Boston, City Messenger, | 7 | |
| Office of Clerk of Committees, | 1 | |
| Public Library, | 1 | 2 |
| School Committee, | | 1 |
| Boston Athenæum, | | 1 |
| Boston Children's Hospital, | | 1 |
| Boston and Maine Railroad Passenger Department, | 1 | |
| Boutell, Louis Henry, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | |

| DONORS. | | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Boutwell, Francis M., <i>Groton,</i> | | | 1 |
| Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Maine,</i> | | | 2 |
| Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Brookline Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association, | | | 2 |
| Brownell, T. Frank, <i>New York City,</i> | 1 | | 1 |
| Buffalo Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Bunker Hill Monument Association, | | 3 | |
| Burnside, Miss Harriet P. F., | | 3 | |
| Burr, Edson, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Canfield, Mrs. Penelope S., | | 19 | |
| Canfield, Mrs. Penelope S., and Miss Penelope W. S., 288 photo- | | | |
| graphs, 2 etchings, | | 6 | |
| Carriage Monthly Publishing House, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Chalmers, Patrick, <i>London, Eng.</i> , 1 folded sheet, 4 sheets, | 1 | | |
| Channing Club of Boston, | | | 1 |
| Cheney, G. A., <i>Springfield</i> , 3 papers. | | | |
| Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Public Library, | | | 12 |
| Chicago Board of Trade, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | | |
| Chicago, Washington Centennial Souvenir Volume Committee, | 1 | | |
| Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Citizens' Association of Boston, | | | 2 |
| Clark University, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | 2 |
| Clerkenwell Free Public Library, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Cleveland, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Conaty, Thomas J., | | | 1 |
| Concord, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Concord, <i>N. H.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Connecticut Bureau of Labor Statistics, | | 3 | |
| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | | 6 |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | | | 12 |
| Crocker, Uriel H., <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| Crooker, Joseph Henry, <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Damon, Mrs. Charles B., | 1 | | |
| Dante Society, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | 1 |
| Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, <i>Davenport, Iowa</i> , | | | 1 |
| Davis, Andrew McFarland, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | 2 |
| Davis, Edward L., 1 plate. | | | |
| Davis, Joseph E., | 1 | | |
| Denver, <i>Col.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Devens, Charles, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| Dole, Charles F., <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | | 2 | |
| Ellis, George H., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | 1 |
| Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 | 1 |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 3 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Falkner, Dr. Robert P., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Fall River, Public Library, | | 1 |
| First National Bank of Pasadena, <i>California</i> , 1 newspaper. | | |
| Fletcher Free Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| Foot, Mrs. Henry Wilder, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Francis, George E., | 4 | 1 |
| Franklin Institute of Pennsylvania, | | 1 |
| Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Gale Free Library, <i>Holden</i> , | | 1 |
| Georgetown College, <i>District of Columbia</i> , | | 1 |
| Gloversville Free Library, <i>Gloversville, N. Y.</i> , 1 folded sheet. | | |
| Great Yarmouth, <i>England</i> , Free Library, | | 1 |
| Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City</i> , | 3 | |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , 2 folded sheets, | 2 | 1 |
| Greeu, Samuel S., 4 folded sheets, 2 papers, 2 sheets, | 3 | 13 |
| Gun, Robert, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hall, Edward H., <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 2 |
| Hamilton Public Library, <i>Hamilton, Ontario</i> , | | 2 |
| Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , | | 1 |
| Handsworth, <i>Eng.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Hartford Library Association, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 6 |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Hartford Theological Seminary, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 3 |
| Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | 10 |
| Hawley, Goodrich & Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hazen, Henry A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Highland Military Academy, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> , | | 1 |
| Hoar, George F., 1 sheet, | 12 | 17 |
| Hobbs, William H., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 1 |
| Home, Madame Douglas, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Hopedale Public Library, | | 1 |
| Howard Memorial Library, <i>New Orleans, La.</i> , 1 newspaper cutting. | | |
| Howland, H. J., | | 1 |
| Indianapolis, <i>Ind.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | |
| Ingersoll, Edward, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | 1 | |
| Iverson, Blakeman & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 8 |
| Julian, George W., <i>Idlewild, Indiana</i> , | 1 | |
| Kansas State Historical Society, <i>Topeka, Kansas</i> , | 1 | |
| Kelley, Frank H., | 1 | |
| Keokuk, <i>Iowa</i> , Board of Health, | | 1 |
| Kobbé, Gustav, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Lamble, R. M., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Larremore, Wilbur, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Lawrence, Free Public Library, | | 3 |
| Leavitt, George A. & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library and Museum, | | 1 |
| Leicester Public Library, | | 1 |

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| Leicester Academy, <i>Leicester</i> , | | 1 |
| Lenox Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Levi Heywood Memorial Library Association, <i>Gardner</i> , | 1 | |
| Libbie, Charles F. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Library Bureau, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Livermore, S. T., <i>Bridgewater</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| London, <i>England</i> , Corporation of the City, | 1 | |
| Los Angeles, <i>Cal.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Lowell City Library, | | 1 |
| Lynn Public Library, | | 1 |
| MacAllister, James, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| McKnight, David A., | 1 | |
| Maimonides Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Malden Public Library, | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>Eng.</i> , City of, | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>Mass.</i> , Town of, | 1 | |
| Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | | 1 |
| Marble, Albert P., | | 2 |
| Marlborough Public Library, | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, State Board of Lunacy and Charity, | 1 | |
| Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton</i> , | | 1 |
| Lunatic Hospital, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 2 |
| Record Commissioner, | 1 | |
| Secretary of the Commonwealth. | 12 | |
| State Library, 4 maps, | 1 | 2 |
| State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Club, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, | | 1 |
| May, Joseph, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 2 |
| May, Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> , | 11 | |
| Mayo, Rev. A. D., <i>Boston</i> , | | 5 |
| Mendum, Josiah P., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 4 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Michigan State Board of Health, | | 3 |
| Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, | | 5 |
| Minneapolis, Public Library, <i>Minneapolis, Minn.</i> , | 1 | 8 |
| Minneapolis Industrial Exposition, | | 1 |
| Minneapolis School of Fine Arts, | | 1 |
| Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St Paul, Minn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Moore, John B., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 2 |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | 1 |
| Mount Holyoke Seminary, <i>South Hadley</i> , | | 1 |
| Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Museum of Fine Arts, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| Muskegon, Mich., Board of Education, 1 folded sheet, 1 card, | | |
| National Electric Service Co., <i>Boston</i> . | | 3 |

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| Nelson, Thomas L., | 1 | 1 |
| New York State, Chamber of Commerce, | 1 | |
| State Library, | 1 | 1 |
| New York Department of Public Parks, | | 1 |
| New York Free Circulating Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Newark, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Newberry Library, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Newburyport Public Library, | | 1 |
| Newton Free Library, | | 1 |
| Northborough Free Library, | | 1 |
| Ohio Meteorological Bureau, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> , | 10 | |
| Omaha, <i>Neb.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Osterhout Free Library, <i>Wilkesbarre, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| Oxford, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Pasco, Samuel, | | 1 |
| Paterson, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Paul, Kegan, French, Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , 1 folded sheet, | 1 | 7 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i> . | | 1 |
| Pennsylvania, Secretary of State, | 1 | |
| State Library, | 1 | |
| Peoria, <i>Ill.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Perkins, John M., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | 9 | |
| Philadelphia City Institute, | | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Pike, Mrs. Mary H., <i>Plainfield, N. J.</i> , | 3 | |
| Poland, W. C., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Poor, H. V. & H. W., <i>New York City</i> . | | 1 |
| Portland Public Library, <i>Portland, Me.</i> , | | 2 |
| Pratt Institute, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | 3 | |
| Providence, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Providence Athenæum, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Publishers of La Edad de Oro, | | 1 |
| Putnam, Davis & Co., | | 1 |
| Quaritch, Bernard, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Ravené, Gustave, | 3 | |
| Raymond, W., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Redwood Library and Athenæum, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Robbins, Elisha, | 3 | |
| Roe, Alfred S., | 3 | |
| Roy, J. Arthur, | 4 | |
| Russell, John E., <i>Leicester, Mass.</i> , | 1 | |
| St. Johnsbury Athenæum, <i>St. Johnsbury, Vt.</i> , | 1 | |
| St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Public Library, | | 3 |
| St. Louis Medical College, | | 1 |
| St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | 1 |
| St. Paul, <i>Minn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Salem Public Library, 1 folded sheet, | | 3 |
| San Francisco, <i>Cal.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Sargent, Miss Emily W., | 2 | 3 |

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| Sawin, James M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Smith, David, <i>Wellington, New Zealand</i> , | 1 | |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 13 | 6 |
| Society to Encourage Studies at Home, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| Southbridge, Town Officers, | | 1 |
| Southern Pacific Company, | | 1 |
| Springfield, City Library Association, | | 1 |
| Storr's School Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>Storrs, Conn.</i> , | | 2 |
| Swansea, <i>Wales</i> , Public Library, | | 2 |
| Taunton Public Library, | | 1 |
| Tenney, Mrs. E. P. and H. A., <i>New York City</i> , | 244 | 5 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree</i> , | | 1 |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, <i>Quincy</i> , | | 1 |
| Toledo, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Topeka, <i>Kan.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 6 |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Tribune Association, The, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Trustees of the Estate of John Crerar, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Tucker, Annie E., <i>Spencer</i> , | 1 | |
| Tuckerman, Frederick, <i>Amherst</i> , | | 1 |
| Tuft's College, <i>Medford</i> , | | 2 |
| United States, Bureau of Education, | 2 | 7 |
| Department of Agriculture, | 2 | 15 |
| Department of Labor, | 1 | |
| Department of State, | 3 | 14 |
| Department of War, | 13 | |
| Department of the Interior, 2 maps, | 10 | 3 |
| Department of the Navy, 4 sheets, | 1 | |
| Department of the Treasury, | 3 | 1 |
| Fish Commission, | 3 | |
| United States Cavalry Association, <i>Fort Leavenworth, Kansas</i> , | | 1 |
| United States Naval Academy, <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| United States Standard Steamship Owners, etc., Association, | | 1 |
| University of California, <i>Berkeley, Cal.</i> , | 1 | 3 |
| University of California, College of Agriculture, | | 1 |
| University of Pennsylvania, | | 2 |
| University of the State of New York, <i>Albany, New York</i> , | 1 | 3 |
| University of Vermont, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 2 |
| University of Virginia, <i>Richmond, Va.</i> , | | 1 |
| University of Wisconsin, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 3 |
| Uxbridge Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Ver Planck, Mrs. J. C., <i>Wayne, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| Vinton, Rev. Alexander H., | | 1 |
| Waddle, John, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Walker, Joseph H., | 3 | 9 |
| Wall, Caleb A., | | 1 |
| Warren County Library, <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Washburn, William T., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Waterhouse, Sylvester, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , 1 folded sheet, | 3 | 3 |
| Watertown Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Wellesley College, | | 1 |
| Williams, J. Fletcher, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | 1 |

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| Wilmington Institute, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | | 1 |
| Winslow, John, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Woodruff, Wilford, <i>Salt Lake City</i> , | 1 | |
| Worcester, Board of Parks Commission, | | 1 |
| City Council, | | 1 |
| City Hospital, | | 1 |
| High School, | 1 | |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | 1 |
| Worcester Continentals, | 1 | |
| Worcester County Horticultural Society, | | 13 |
| Worcester County Law Library Association, | | 1 |
| Worcester County Musical Association, | | 1 |
| Worcester District Medical Society, | 1 | 4 |
| Worcester National Bank, | 41 | |
| Worcester Polytechnic Institute, | | 1 |
| Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 3 |
| Wright, J. O. & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Yale University, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 5 |
| Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

*To the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public
Library of Worcester:*

The committee on the library have held meetings monthly during the year, and have performed the duties required of them under Article 12 of the rules governing the Board of Directors. Every list of books prepared by the librarian has been carefully examined by us, and almost without exception recommended to the full board for purchase.

The annual examination of the library has been made, and its condition found entirely satisfactory, so far as could be expected in its present quarters.

It is a subject of congratulation to all connected with the library, as well as to the public, that the new building is so nearly ready for occupancy. We are reminded that as the institution enters upon its enlarged sphere of usefulness, the necessary expense of its maintenance will also be increased, and it is hoped that a wise liberality will provide means to enable its officers to maintain its present high standard of excellence as an educator of the people.

The thanks of the committee are due to the many generous persons who have made gifts to the library during the year.

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| JOHN O. MARBLE, A. G. BULLOCK, EDW. B. GLASGOW, WALDO LINCOLN, EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | } Committee on the Library. |
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Worcester, Mass., December 23, 1890.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The efficient manner in which this department has been cared for by the librarian and his assistants has left but little for the committee to do.

The attendance at the rooms has been much the same as usual, though somewhat interfered with by the necessary change in the entrance, occasioned by the construction of the new building. The very large number who visit the room, particularly in the evening, show how well its advantages are appreciated.

The committee look forward to the early removal to the spacious and well-lighted rooms provided in the new building, feeling that it will add much to the usefulness, as well as the convenience and attractiveness of the department.

The reduced income obtained from the permanent fund of the reading-room, occasioned by the lower rate of interest, will necessitate an appropriation by the City Council of at least \$400, to meet the necessary expenses during the coming year.

The entire number of papers and periodicals now supplied is 300, of which 241 are subscribed for by the committee and 59 donated by friends. Such additions are made from time to time as in the judgment of the committee and Board of Directors seem desirable.

Appended hereto is a list of the periodicals and papers added during the year, with those that have been discontinued; also, the gifts made to the reading room by different parties during the year. To those who have so kindly remembered the reading-room, the committee would extend hearty thanks.

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| EDWIN T. MARBLE, | } Committee on Reading-Room. |
| BURTON W. POTTER, | |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | |

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Mechanics. | Speaker, The. |
| Queen, The. | Technology Quarterly. |
| Review of Reviews. | Vårt Land. |

PERIODICALS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| †Allehanda för Folket. | *Weekly Times. |
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GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, | Publishers. |
| American Amateur Photographer, | George E. Francis. |
| American Gas Light Journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American Machinist, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| American Missionary, | American Missionary Association. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| Baptist Missionary Magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester Journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| C. T. A. News, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Christian Leader, | University Publishing House. |
| Christian Register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Churchman, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Congressional Record, | Joseph H. Walker. |
| Le Courrier de Worcester, | Publishers. |
| Denver Times, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's Magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Drapers' Record, | Proprietors. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Evesham Journal, | Publishers. |
| Fitchburg Weekly Sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| Home Missionary, | Publishers. |
| Hospital Cottage Friend, | Mrs. E. E. Foster. |
| Jewelers' Weekly, | Publishers. |
| Journal of American Orthœpy, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Maine Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Massachusetts Ploughman, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| Messenger, | Publishers. |
| Mid-Weekly, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary Herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical Herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical Times, | Publishers. |
| New England Farmer, | Proprietors of the Spy. |
| New England Staaten Zeltung, | Publishers. |
| Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open Court, | Publishers. |

Our Dumb Animals,
 Paradise of the Pacific,
 Practical Mechanic,
 Printer's Ink,
 Public Ledger,
 Santa Monica Outlook,
 Signs of the Times,
 Skandinavia,
 Southern Workman,
 Sunday Herald,
 Textile Manufacturing World,
 Travailleur,
 Tuftonian,
 Unitarian Review,
 Voice,
 Watchman,
 West Shore,
 Worcester Daily Spy,
 Worcester Daily Times,
 Worcester Evening Gazette,
 World's Crisis,
 Zion's Herald,

†Publication stopped.

*Discontinued.

Publishers.
 Anonymous.
 Editor.
 Anonymous.
 George W. Childs, Proprietor.
 Publishers.
 Eliza Thayer.
 Publishers.
 Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield.
 Anonymous.
 Publishers.
 Publishers.
 Tuft's College.
 American Unitarian Association.
 Funk & Wagnalls.
 Publishers.
 H. W. Corbett.
 Publishers.
 Publishers.
 Publishers.
 Publishers.
 Anonymous.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Building reports that the expenses for ordinary repairs for the year just closed, amount to \$833.64.

In the matter of fuel, lights and water, it is evident that a larger appropriation will be demanded for the coming year.

After an examination of the new building the committee cannot refrain from expressing its congratulations to the Directors of the Library, City Government and the Citizens at large.

The Committee would take occasion to express their grateful appreciation of the many courtesies extended to them by the Librarian, and the valuable assistance which he has rendered them on all occasions of moment.

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| THOMAS GRIFFIN, | } | <i>Committee on the Building.</i> |
| E. I. COMINS, | | |
| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | | |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee herewith submits statements relating to the City appropriation and expenditure thereof, and to the Green Library Fund for the year ending Nov. 30, 1890.

The amount of the Green Library Fund is now \$44,222.95. One-fourth part of the income has been added to the principal, as required by the will of Dr. Green, and the amount so added during the year is \$540.61.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$16,496; amount received from dog license money, \$4,272.84; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$571.94; total, \$21,340.78.

The expenditures from this amount were \$21,327.27, leaving a balance of \$13.51, which was transferred to the credit of another department.

The Committee has examined the securities of the Green Library Fund in the hands of the City Treasurer, and also his accounts of receipts and disbursements, and find his statements in all particulars correct.

The Librarian's accounts were carefully examined and approved.

The Committee submits for your consideration its estimates for the coming year.

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| A. G. BULLOCK, | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
| P. L. MOEN, | | |
| WALDO LINCOLN, | | |

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending November 30, 1890.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| City appropriation, | \$16,496 00 |
| Dog money, | 4,272 84 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 571 94 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,340 78 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Binding, | \$976 10 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 195 90 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 151 52 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), postage stamps, express- age and minor running expenses, | 610 44 |
| Paper for covering books and stationery, | 49 58 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 75 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 25 00 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 833 64 |
| Coal and wood, | 460 41 |
| Gas, | 814 80 |
| Water, | 151 14 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 4,237 37 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,000 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 801 67 |
| Additional library service, | 1,510 32 |
| Cataloguing, | 42 57 |
| Insurance, | 68 80 |
| Books, | 6,650 69 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room fund), | 400 00 |
| Re-arrangement and re-numbering of reference library, | 272 32 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,327 27 |
| Balance transferred to credit of another dept., | 13 51 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$21,340 78 |

STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1890.

The income for the year ending Nov. 30, 1890, is as follows:

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$998 27 | |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 345 00 | |
| Dividends on savings bank deposit, | 680 94 | |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 10 28 | |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioner, | 127 96 | |
| | | \$2,162 45 |
| Of this income, there has been added to the fund one-fourth part, viz., | \$540 61 | |
| And to the book account three-fourths, viz., | 1,621 84 | |
| | | \$2,162 45 |

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | Nov. 30, 1889. | Nov. 30, 1890. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$19,750 00 | \$19,350 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 6,800 00 | 6,800 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 17,132 34 | 18,072 95 |
| Total, | \$43,682 34 | \$44,222 95 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Balance Dec. 1, 1889, | \$1,968 00 | |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,621 84 | |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 25 20 | |
| Total, | | \$3,615 04 |
| Expended for books during year, | | 2,221 58 |
| Balance Nov. 30, 1890, | | \$1,393 46 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1889. | Nov. 30, 1890. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balances, | \$43,682 34 | \$44,222 95 |
| Book account balances, | 1,968 00 | 1,393 46 |
| | \$45,650 34 | \$45,616 41 |

Correct.

W. S. BARTON,
City Treasurer.

Approved,

A. G. BULLOCK, } Finance
P. L. MOEN, } Committee.
WALDO LINCOLN, }

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE READING ROOM FUND.

E. I. Comins, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund of the Free Public Library:—

| DR. | |
|--|------------|
| Dec. 1, 1889. Balance in hands of Treasurer, | \$189 55 |
| Jan. 18, 1890. Received from City Treasurer, | 400 00 |
| Interest received from Savings Banks, | 293 94 |
| Interest received on notes, | 99 83 |
| Dividends on railroad stock, | 100 00 |
| | \$1,083 32 |
| CR. | |
| Cash paid for periodicals, | \$801 00 |
| Cash paid for money orders, | 55 |
| Cash paid for postage and stationery, | 40 |
| | \$801 95 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands Dec. 1, 1890. | 281 37 |
| | \$1,083 32 |

The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows:—

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Deposited in Savings Banks, | \$7,470 90 |
| Eleven shares Norwich & Worcester R. R. stock, | 2,000 00 |
| Six shares Boston & Albany R. R. stock, | 1,375 50 |
| Paid on new share Boston & Albany R. R. stock, | 10 00 |
| | \$10,856 40. |

E. I. COMINS, Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

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| A. G. BULLOCK, P. L. MOEN, WALDO LINCOLN, | } | Finance Committee. |
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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
CITY OF WORCESTER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1891.

Worcester, Mass.:
PRESS OF F. S. BLANCHARD & CO.,
154 FRONT STREET
1892.

DIRECTORS IN 1892.

| | | Term Expires. |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| EDWARD B. GLASGOW, | EDWIN T. MARBLE, | Dec. 31, 1892. |
| ALFRED S. PINKERTON, | BURTON W. POTTER, | " 1893. |
| EDWARD I. COMINS, | WALDO LINCOLN, | " 1894. |
| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | " 1895. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | GEORGE M. WOODWARD, | " 1896. |
| GEORGE C. WHITNEY, | CHARLES A. PEABODY, | " 1897. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

EDWIN T. MARBLE.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

EDWARD I. COMINS.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

EDWARD B. GLASGOW, WALDO LINCOLN, EVERETT J. BARDWELL,
BURTON W. POTTER, CHARLES A. PEABODY.

COMMITTEE ON READING-ROOM.

THOMAS J. CONATY, ALFRED S. PINKERTON,
GEORGE C. WHITNEY.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

SAMUEL WINSLOW, EDWARD I. COMINS,
GEORGE M. WOODWARD.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

WALDO LINCOLN, EDWIN T. MARBLE, GEORGE C. WHITNEY.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.

LUCIE A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS,
SARAH D. TUCKER, HATTIE J. CHILDS, AROLYN L. JOHNSON.

DIRECTORS' REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To the Honorable Francis A. Harrington, Mayor,
and the City Council of the City of Worcester:*

The Directors of the Free Public Library respectfully submit their thirty-second annual report. The reports of the several committees, of the librarian, and of the treasurer of the reading-room fund are presented at the same time, and from them can be obtained full information as to the work of the library, and its condition.

The City appropriation was \$24,500 ; the amount received from dog licenses, \$5,079.92 ; fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$531.40. Total, \$30,111.32. The expenditures amounted to \$30,069.69, and the unexpended balance to \$41.63.

The City appropriation last year was considerably larger than it was the year before, as it included the sum of \$4,500, which it was necessary to expend at once for furniture and needed appliances for the new building.

The Green Library Fund produced an income of \$2,172.45, one fourth of which, \$542.11, has been added to the principal, in accordance with the provisions of Dr. Green's will, and three fourths, \$1,629.34, have been added to the book account.

The income of the Reading-Room Fund was \$434.70, the City appropriation was \$400.00, and the balance carried over from previous year, \$281.37. The expenditures from this fund amounted to \$899.61. The Reading-Room Fund now amounts to \$10,856.40. The Green Library Fund is \$44,766.06.

These funds are safely invested, and yield a good rate of interest, as high a rate as is consistent with the safety of the principal.

4,077 volumes have been added during the year, and the total number now is 85,502. The number of papers and periodicals subscribed for is 359.

The estimate of expenses for the coming year is slightly larger than those of recent years, but when it is considered that the added expenses of the new building for a full year are now to be met for the first time, we believe it will be a matter of favorable comment that so much more is accomplished with so little increase of cost. The item of \$4,500, in last year's appropriation for furniture for the new building, could not, of course, be considered as a part of current expenses, but rather a part of the permanent investment, like the building itself. Exclusive of this item, the cost of carrying on the affairs of the library in the two buildings is only about \$1,500 greater than it was last year. For this small additional annual outlay, not including the interest on original cost, the space for books and papers, and for the thousands who use them, has been much more than doubled, and the efficiency of the institution has been many times multiplied. The estimates have received most careful examination in detail, and are unanimously concurred in by the entire Board of Directors, who believe they will be sustained by all in their wish to maintain the library on the highest plane of usefulness.

In submitting our estimates a year ago, we inserted an item to cover the cost of distributing books at a number of suburban stations. As an appropriation for this purpose was not voted, we presume that the establishment of such service was not deemed advisable. We submit the same item this year, in order that the plan may be carried out, if, in the opinion of the city government, it shall seem desirable.

When the subject of increased accommodations for the library became one of immediate necessity, it met with earnest support from the public, and with a generous response from the city government. No meagre appropriation was voted, but one that was adequate to carry out the plans, which had been perfected after much thought and investigation, for a safe, spacious and thoroughly convenient building.

The new building was opened to the public last April. Without formal ceremony, it was visited by the Mayor and the members of the City Government, who expressed their satisfaction

with its construction and its arrangements. It is unnecessary to describe it here. It is recognized as one of the beautiful buildings of our city. The large increase in the use of the reference department and of the newspaper reading-room shows that the increased facilities are appreciated. There is an admirable collection of photographs, engravings, etc., belonging to the library, and the upper hall gives space for their exhibition. These pictures have been publicly exhibited several times, and the large attendance indicates the general interest felt in them.

We extend our thanks to all who have given papers, periodicals and books to the library, and to the officers of the various libraries of the country who have kindly loaned us from their collections from time to time.

We are sure that all who use the library and who know the work that is done there, will unite with us in the hearty commendation of the faithful, courteous, and intelligent service rendered by the librarian and his assistants. Our librarian is recognized as one of the most accomplished in his profession, and the esteem in which he is held by his associates is attested by his election to the presidency of the National Association of Librarians. It is gratifying that there has been no change in the staff of assistants, all of whom are well qualified for their positions, and become more valuable as their experience grows larger.

A library is valuable in a community exactly in proportion to its use. As a mere collection of books, examined only by a few of scholarly tastes, it fails to be of large public advantage, either to educate or entertain. It may be likened to a lake among the hills. The sparkle of its waters and the beauty of its surroundings delight the few who visit it, but it is only when its waters are distributed among the people below that they bring health, power, and far-reaching benefit. Ours is eminently a practically useful library, both in its collections and in the manner in which these collections are made available. The wealth of its resources is open to all who wish to come and take their share of it, and those who desire aid are wisely advised where to look for that which is helpful to them.

The character of a community is indicated by the character of the individuals of whom it is made up, and their character is formed not only during the hours of their employment, but dur-

ing the hours of leisure, when the ameliorating influence of books and contemplation upon their contents is laying the foundation of good citizenship. The wants of this busy age have stimulated into unceasing activity the inventive faculties, and the demands of the arts and sciences must be met by research and investigation. The shelves of the library hold the silent knowledge, which, as it is absorbed in the mind of the mechanic, quickens him to intelligent action, and widens the field of his operations. The use of its books creates a love of culture, and their presence in our households brings serenity, content and refinement.

On behalf and by vote of the Directors,

A. G. BULLOCK,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Mr. A. George Bullock, President of the Board of Directors :

I herewith present the thirty-second annual report of the librarian ; it is the twenty-first which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, the accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sundays and holidays ; and record such other facts in the history of the library the past year, as it is our custom to call attention to.

The most interesting incident in the history of the library during the past year, has been the occupation of the new building, April 1st.

The building has proved very convenient, and, used in conjunction with the older structure, has given a great amount of satisfaction to readers and students, as well as to the officers of the library.

The wisdom and generosity of the city in providing so beautiful and commodious a building cannot be too highly commended.

It has become evident that the two structures are now so arranged that the affairs of the library can be economically administered.

The library had on its shelves December 1, 1891, 85,502 volumes, divided as follows :

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Green Library, | 23,045 |
| Intermediate Department, | 23,177 |
| Circulating Department, | 39,280 |

The number of periodicals and papers taken here is 359. A list of them will be appended to the report of the librarian.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year has been 4,077. The use of the library last year was 188,480 volumes, divided as follows :

| | |
|---|---------|
| Circulating department, for use at home, | 129,760 |
| Reference use (on all days excepting Sundays and holidays), | 57,059 |
| Sunday use, | 1,207 |
| Use on holidays, | 464 |

Naturally, there has been a greater increase in the use of the reference department than in the circulating, because of the increased facilities and comfort afforded by the new building in which its books are consulted.

The increase in the use of books in that department during the year (eight months of which users of the library for purposes of reference have been served in the new building), has been 2,419 volumes, not including the use on Sundays and holidays.

The increase in the use of the lower, or newspaper reading-room, has been very noticeable. No account has been kept of the number of persons who have used the papers daily, excepting on Sundays and holidays. On those days the increase has been $31\frac{1}{2}$ persons on an average every day.

Two exhibitions of pictures belonging to the library, illustrating the history of architecture, incidents in the history of the United States, and army and navy uniforms now in use in this country, and formerly used here, have been held in the lecture-hall of the new library building. One took place in June and the early days of July, the other in September and a few of the first days in October. They were open from 3 to 6 P. M., and Saturday evening from 7 to 9 also.

A record was kept of the number of persons who attended the exhibitions in 21 days of the first, and in 25 days of the second. The largest attendance on any day in the first exhibition was that on June 27, when 178 persons visited it. The largest attendance in the second exhibition was on September 19, when 231 persons visited it.

The average daily attendance during the days when the first

exhibition was open was 62 ; during those of the second, 66½. Persons who came into the room and merely glanced around were not counted.

These exhibitions have been very much enjoyed, and have proved quite instructive to residents. The pictures shown probably would never have been seen by most of the persons who came to see them if they had not been placed upon the walls of our hall and the public had not been invited to examine them when so placed.

When the new building was opened in April, the Worcester Art Society held an extensive exhibition of portraits in the upper story of the building, occupying the entire story, and keeping the exhibition open a month, free to the public.

A list of persons and institutions to which we are indebted for gifts, is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us.

Especial gratitude is due to the Boston Athenæum, the libraries of Harvard University and Columbia College, and that of the United States Surgeon-General's office, for their kindness in the past, as in previous years, in lending us books for the use of citizens of Worcester.

As the number of residents increases, and new educational institutions are established here and old ones grow, greater and greater demands are made upon us for information, and the variety of the information desired becomes immense.

Under such circumstances, it is a rare privilege, when we cannot buy books needed, to be able to borrow them from the large libraries of the country. A very large portion of these are ready to extend to us the courtesy of lending to us books which residents here need.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee appended. These signatures were made after the account had been examined by the Committee.

REPORT OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December 21, 1891.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1890, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows :

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands December 1, 1890, | \$260 12 | |
| Received for fines, | 423 18 | |
| Received from sale of copies of the printed catalogues and lists of additions, | 105 82 | |
| Received for books injured or lost, | 8 91 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 8 73 | |
| | | \$806 76 |
| Paid for books returned which had been settled for as lost, | \$2 00 | |
| Paid W. S. Barton, Esq., City Treasurer, | 531 40 | |
| | | \$533 40 |
| Balance in librarian's hands December 1, 1891, | 273 36 | |
| | | \$806 76 |

A. G. BULLOCK,
WALDO LINCOLN,
EDWIN T. MARBLE, } *Members of the Finance Committee.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Municipal appropriation, | \$24,500 00 |
| Income from invested funds : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,660 15 |
| Reading-room " | 434 70 |
| | \$2,094 85 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 5,079 92 |
| " " fines, | 423 18 |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 105 82 |
| Payment for missing or damaged books, | 6 91 |
| Sundries, | 8 73 |
| | \$32,219 41 |
| Cash on hand at last report : | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,393 46 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 260 12 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 281 37 |
| | \$1,934 95 |
| | \$34,154 36 |

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EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books :

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$268 03 |
| City appropriation, | 8,187 07 |

\$8,455 10

Periodicals :

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$34 87 |
| City appropriation, | 179 25 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 898 51 |

\$1,112 63

Binding,

\$995 47

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Repairs and additions, } | \$5,637 40 |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | |
| Insurance, | \$297 50 |
| Fuel, | 839 58 |
| Lights, | 1,314 94 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitors), | \$7,897 84 |
| Cataloguing, | 750 00 |
| Extra service, | 2,200 94 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$200 08 |
| Blanks and Stationery, | 165 21 |
| Postage, | 129 48 |

Sundries :—

| | |
|---|----------|
| Water for elevator, etc., | \$242 86 |
| Printing report, | 52 56 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage and minor running expenses, | 563 61 |

\$859 03

Paper covers (covering paper),

\$17 00

Cash on hand December 1, 1891 :

| | |
|---|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,750 71 |
| Reading Room Fund, | 216 46 |
| Money received for fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 273 36 |

\$3,240 53

\$34,112 73

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Balance of City Appropriation carried to new account, | <u>\$41 63</u> |
| | \$34,154 36 |

ACCESSIONS.

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Increase of volumes by purchase: | | |
| Green Library, | 92 | |
| Intermediate department, | 1,309 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>2,308</u> | |
| | | 3,709 |
| Increase of volumes by gifts: | | |
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Intermediate department, | 310 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>39</u> | |
| | | 350 |
| Increase of volumes by binding periodicals: | | |
| Green Library, | 10 | |
| Intermediate department, | 355 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>29</u> | |
| | | 394 |
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library: | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 1 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report: | | |
| Circulating department, | | <u>4</u> |
| | | 4458 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report: | | |
| Intermediate department, | 83 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>283</u> | |
| | | 366 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report: | | |
| Intermediate department, | 2 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>13</u> | |
| | | 15 |
| | | <u>381</u> |
| Net increase for the year, | | 4,077 |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported: | | |
| Green Library, | 22,942 | |
| Intermediate department, | 21,287 | |
| Circulating department, | <u>37,196</u> | |
| | | 81,425 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | <u>85,502</u> |

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| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 65 | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 403 | |
| | <hr/> | 468 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 118 | |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | 52 | |
| | <hr/> | 170 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 169 | |
| Green Library fund, | 6 | |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | 14 | |
| | <hr/> | 189 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 305 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 365 |
| Number of days the lower reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 129,760 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 57,059 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), (Circulating department. 425; Reference department, 187), | 612 |
| Largest daily use (home and reference) September 12, | 1,832 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, April 4, 1920; in Reference department, September 19, 1908) | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference) June 16, | 219 |
| Smallest in Circulating department, June 16, 1858; in Reference department, August 7, 31) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Intermediate department, | 1 |
| Circulating department, | 8 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 9 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 5 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 283 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 7,397 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 2,099 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 2,658 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made Nov. 1, 1889), | 10,693 |

SUNDAY USE.

The Reading-rooms are open from 2 o'clock to 9 o'clock p. m.

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| Number of persons using the upper room, | 4,105 |
|---|-------|

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| Number of persons using the lower room, | 8,431 |
|---|-------|

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|---------------|--------|
| Total number, | 12,536 |
|---------------|--------|

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| Average number of persons, | 241 |
|----------------------------|-----|

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Largest Sunday attendance, April 5, | 511 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 26, | 111 |
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| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,207 |
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| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 23 |
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HOLIDAYS.

The upper Reading-room is open from 9 o'clock a. m. to 9½ o'clock p. m.

The lower room from 8 a. m. to 9½ p. m.

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| Number of persons using the upper room, | 798 |
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| Number of persons using the lower room, | 1,606 |
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| Total number, | 2,404 |
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| Average number of persons, | 300 |
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| Largest attendance, February 22, | 494 |
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| Smallest attendance, July 4, | 156 |
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| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 454 |
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| Average number of volumes used, | 57 |
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SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| DONORS. | | |
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| | Books. | Pamphlets |
| Adams, W. F. Co., <i>Springfield</i> , | | 1 |
| Adams Nervine Asylum, <i>Jamaica Plain</i> , | | 1 |
| Aguilar Free Library Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | 2 |
| American Art Association, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| American Bankers' Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | | 4 |
| American Home Missionary, | | 1 |
| American Oriental Society, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 5 | |
| American Unitarian Association, | | 4 |
| Amherst College, <i>Amherst</i> , | | 1 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover</i> , | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 1 newspaper, 1 folded sheet, | 3 | 20 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 2 |
| Arundel Society, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 folded sheet, |
| Associated Charities, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Backus, William W., <i>Norwich, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Baillie's Institution Free Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Baker, Walter & Co., <i>Dorchester</i> , | 1 | |
| Barrow-in-Furness Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Bartlett, Theodore H., | | 1 |
| Bell Street Chapel, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | 2 | |
| Bergesen, E. B., | 2 | |
| Berry, John M., | | 3 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, <i>Florence, Italy</i> , | | 38 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Vittorio Emanuele, <i>Rome, Italy</i> , | | 11 |
| Bigelow, H. H., | 1 | |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | | 1 |
| Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries' Committee, | | 1 |
| Blatchford, E. W., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 folded sheet, |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bolton, Mrs. Sarah K., <i>Cleveland, O.</i> , | 1 | |
| Boston, City Messenger, | 5 | |
| Boston School Committee, | 2 | 1 |
| Boston University, | | 3 |
| Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Maine</i> , | | 1 |
| Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Brookline Public Library, | | 1 |
| Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 2 |
| Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Brownell, T. Frank, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Bruce, Henry, | 1 | |
| Buffalo Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Buffington, Mrs. E. D., 1 photograph, | | |
| Bureau of the American Republic, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 | |

| DONORS. | | |
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| | Books. | Pamphlets. |
| Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Cambridge University Library, <i>Cambridge, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Canfield, <i>Mrs.</i> Penelope S., | 16 | |
| Carter, James C., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Catholic Truth Society, <i>Worcester</i> , | 3 | 7 |
| Chamberlain, Alexander F., <i>Worcester</i> , 3 sheets, | 1 | 6 |
| Chase, Charles A., | | 1 |
| Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Chicago Board of Trade, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | 4 |
| Chittenden, J. Brace, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 3 |
| Citizens' Association of Boston, | | 1 |
| Clark University, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Clerkenwell Public Library, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Cleveland, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Clough, George S., | 3 | 2 |
| Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | | 2 |
| Conaty, Thomas J., | | 9 |
| Concord, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 6 |
| Cook, Thomas and Son, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Cooper, <i>Mrs.</i> Sarah B., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | | 3 |
| Damon, <i>Mrs.</i> Charles B., | 1 | |
| Dante Society, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Dartmouth College, <i>Hanover, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Denver, <i>Colorado</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 6 |
| Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Dodge, Thomas H., engraving, | 1 | |
| Drew, Allis & Co., | 1 | |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Earle, Pliny, <i>Northampton</i> , | 1 | |
| Elliot, Charles, <i>Boston</i> , | | 3 sheets, |
| Elstner Publishing Company, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Englewood Library Association, <i>Englewood, N. J.</i> , | | 1 |
| Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| Fall River, Public Library, | | 1 |
| Fiske, Edward R., | 1 | |
| Fitz Public Library, <i>Chelsea</i> , | | 2 |
| Fletcher Free Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| Foote, Allen R., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 2 |
| Foster, L. S., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Francis, George E., | 2 | |
| Francisco, M. J., <i>Rutland, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| Friends' Book Store, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | | 2 |
| Frothingham, Ephraim L., and Arthur L., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | 1 | |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 |
| Gloversville Free Library, <i>Gloversville, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Gorham Manufacturing Co., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | 1 | |
| Grand Rapids, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Great Yarmouth, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries, | | 1 |
| Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Green, John, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 sheet, | |
| Green, Samuel S., | 4 folded sheets, | 2 14 |
| Griffith, Axtell & Cady Co., <i>Holyoke</i> , | 6 folded sheets, | 9 |
| Hakes, Miss Gertrude, | | |
| Hall, J. Brainerd, | | 1 |
| Hamilton Public Library, <i>Hamilton, Ontario</i> , | | 6 |
| Hammond, A. H., | 1 folded sheet, | 2 |
| Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , | 1 folded sheet, | |
| Handsworth, <i>Eng.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Harrington, Francis A., | | 1 |
| Hartford, <i>Conn.</i> , Board of Trade, | | 1 |
| Hartford Library Association, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 4 |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hartford Theological Seminary, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 10 |
| Haynes, Tilly, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Hazen, Henry A., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Hegeler, Edward C., <i>La Salle, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hemenway Expedition, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Highland Military Academy, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Hill, Frank P., <i>Newark, N. Y.</i> , | 1 folded sheet, | |
| Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> , | | 2 |
| Historical Society of Delaware, | | 2 |
| History Company, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hoar, George F., | 7 sheets, | 24 6 |
| Hoboken, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Houghton, George W. W., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Howard Memorial Library, <i>New Orleans, La.</i> , | | 1 |
| Howe, Elmer P., <i>Boston</i> , | | 5 |
| Huling, Ray Greene, <i>New Bedford</i> , | | 2 |
| Hutchins, F. L., | | 5 |
| Indianapolis, <i>Ind.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | | 1 |
| Jersey City, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 2 |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 12 |
| Kansas State Historical Society, <i>Topeka, Kansas</i> , | | 1 |
| Kilby, Stanley J., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Kingsbury, Frederick J., <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Kinnicutt, Leonard P., | | 1 |
| Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Lane, William Coolidge, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Lansing, I. J., | | 1 |
| Lawrence, Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Lawton, William C., <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | 2 | 2 |

| DONORS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Lee, Gerard Stanley, <i>Sharon, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Leicester Public Library, | | 1 |
| Lenox Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Leominster, Town of, | | 1 |
| Livermore, S. T., | 1 | |
| Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library. | | 1 |
| Los Angeles, <i>Cal.</i> , Public Library. | 1 | 1 |
| Ludlow, Thomas W., <i>Yonkers, N. Y.</i> , | | 4 |
| Lynn Public Library, | | 1 |
| MacAlister, James, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| MacDonald, Arthur, | | 1 |
| Malmonides Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 |
| Malden Public Library, | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>Eng.</i> , City of, | | 1 |
| Marlborough Public Library, | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, State Board of Health, | 2 | |
| Board of Lunacy and Charity, | 1 | |
| Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton</i> , | | 1 |
| Lunatic Hospital, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth, | 25 | 1 |
| State Library, | 4 | 2 |
| State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, | | 2 |
| Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, | 1 | |
| Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, | | 1 sheet, |
| Memorial Hall Library, <i>Andover, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 4 |
| Michigan, State Board of Health, <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> , | 1 | 6 |
| Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, | | 8 |
| Minneapolis Public Library, <i>Minneapolis, Minn.</i> , | 4 | 2 |
| Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | 1 |
| Mount Holyoke Seminary and College, <i>South Hadley</i> , | | 1 |
| Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Museum of Fine Arts, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| National Executive Silver Committee, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 1 |
| New Bedford, Board of Trade, | | 1 |
| New Bedford, Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| New Hampshire, State Library, | 1 | |
| New Haven, Free Public Library, | | 2 |
| New Jersey, State Library, <i>Trenton, N. J.</i> , | 2 | |
| New York, State Commissioners of the State Reservation of | | |
| Niagara, | | 2 |
| New York Department of Public Parks, | | 1 |
| New York Free Circulating Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| New York Trade Schools, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Newark, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Newberry Library, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Newburyport, Public Library, | | 1 |

| DONORS. | | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Newton Free Library, | | | 1 |
| Nichols, Mrs. George M., | | 1 | |
| North Adams Public Library, <i>North Adams,</i> | | | 1 |
| Ohio Meteorological Bureau, <i>Columbus, Ohio,</i> | | | 3 |
| Omaha, <i>Neb.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Open Court Publishing Co., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Oxford, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Paul, Kegan, French, Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 2 | 2 |
| Pawtucket Free Library, <i>Pawtucket, R. I.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Peabody, Andrew P., <i>Cambridge,</i> | | | 2 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody,</i> | | | 1 |
| Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, <i>Cambridge,</i> | | | 2 |
| Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | | 5 | |
| Perley, Miss Mary N., | 1 photograph, | | |
| Petersham Public Library, | | 1 | |
| Philadelphia City Institute, | | | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Plymouth, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Poland, W. C., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 folded sheet, | | |
| Portland Public Library, <i>Portland, Me.</i> , | | 2 | 3 |
| Portsmouth, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Pott, James & Co., <i>New York City,</i> | | 1 | |
| Pratt Institute, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | | 3 |
| Providence Public Library, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Providence Athenæum, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Publishers of the Christian Register, <i>Boston,</i> | 1 newspaper, | | |
| Putnam, J. Pickering, <i>Boston,</i> | | | 1 |
| Raymond, E. T., <i>Worcester,</i> | | | 1 |
| Redwood Library and Athenæum, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Regan, William M., <i>Minneapolis, Minn.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Reynolds Library, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Rotherham, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Royal Historical Society, <i>London, England,</i> | | 1 | |
| Royal Society of Canada, <i>Montreal, Canada,</i> | | 1 | |
| St. Joseph, <i>Mo.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | | 1 |
| St. Paul, <i>Minn.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| St. Wulstan Society, <i>Worcester,</i> | | 1 | |
| Salem Public Library, | | | 2 |
| San Francisco, <i>Cal.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 | 1 |
| Sargent, Miss Emily W., | 2 photographs, | | |
| Sawin, James M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Scripture, E. W., | | | 5 |
| Shedd, J. Herbert, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Silas Bronson Library, <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Slafter, Edmund F., <i>Boston,</i> | | | 1 |
| Smiley, A. K., <i>Lake Mohonk, N. Y.</i> , | | | |

| DONORS. | | |
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| | Books. | Pamphlets. |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 5 | 8 |
| Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, | 1 | |
| Society to Encourage Studies at Home, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Somerville, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| South Dakota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, | | |
| <i>Brookings, So. Dakota</i> , | | 4 |
| Southbridge, Town Officers, | | 1 |
| Sprague, <i>Mrs. A. B. R.</i> , | | 1 |
| Springfield, City Library Association, | | 2 |
| Staples, <i>Mrs. L. A.</i> , | | 3 |
| Stearns, George, <i>Hudson</i> , | 1 | |
| Steiner, Lewis H., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Storrs School Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>Storrs, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Swansea, <i>Wales</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Taunton Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree</i> , | | 1 |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, <i>Quincy</i> , | | 1 |
| Thurber, Samuel, <i>Boston</i> , | | 2 |
| Tokyo Library, <i>Tokyo, Japan</i> , | | 2 |
| Toledo, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Topeka, <i>Kansas</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Torrey, D., <i>Detroit, Mich.</i> , | 1 | |
| Torrey Botanical Club, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Tucker, Sarah D., | | 5 |
| Tufts College, <i>Medford</i> , | | 3 |
| Tufts Library, <i>Weymouth</i> , | | 1 |
| Tyler, Jessie E., | | 1 |
| Tyler, W. Graham, <i>Salem, N. J.</i> , | 1 | |
| United States, Bureau of Education, | | 6 |
| Department of Agriculture, | 1 | 13 |
| Department of Labor, | 1 | |
| Department of State, | 10 | 21 |
| Department of War, | 18 | 2 |
| Department of the Interior, | 120 | |
| Department of the Navy, | 2 | 1 |
| Fish Commission, | 2 | |
| Life-Saving Service, | 1 | |
| United States Board on Geographic Names, | | 1 |
| United States Naval Academy, <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| University of California, <i>Berkeley, Cal.</i> , | | 2 |
| University of Vermont, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| University of Virginia, <i>Richmond, Va.</i> , | | 1 |
| University of the State of New York, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Uxbridge Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Vassar, John Guy, Executors of, <i>Poughkeepsie, N. Y.</i> , | 2 | |
| Vassar College, <i>Poughkeepsie, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | |
| Vinton, Alexander H., | | 1 |

| DONORS. | | Books. | Pamphlets. |
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| Waite, Henry E., <i>West Newton,</i> | | | 1 |
| Waite, Alfred, | | | 1 |
| Walker, Joseph H., | 1 map, | 3 | 1 |
| Wall, Caleb A., | | | 1 |
| Waltham, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Wanamaker, John, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Warren County Library and Reading Room, <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i> , | | | 5 |
| Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, | | 1 | 2 |
| Waterhouse, Sylvester, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Waters, Jason, <i>Sutton,</i> | | | 1 |
| Watertown Free Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Webster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| West, Gerald Montgomery, | | | 1 |
| Whiting, Harold, <i>Cambridge,</i> | | 2 | |
| Whitman, Charles O., | | 1 | |
| Williams, H., <i>New York City,</i> | 1 folded sheet, | | |
| Wilmington Institute, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Wilstich, John Augustine, <i>La Fayette, Ind.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Winn, Henry, <i>Boston,</i> | | | 2 |
| Winslow, John, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Wisconsin State Historical Society, | | | 1 |
| Woburn Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Worcester, City Clerk, | | 2 | |
| City Council, | | 1 | |
| City Hospital, | | | 1 |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | | 1 |
| Worcester Art Society, | | | 3 |
| Worcester Boys' Club, | 1 sheet, | | 1 |
| Worcester County Horticultural Society, | | | 1 |
| Worcester County Musical Association, | | 1 | 1 |
| Worcester District Medical Society, | | 1 | 5 |
| Worcester Polytechnic Institute, | | | 1 |
| Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | | 3 |
| Yale University, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City.</i> | | | 1 |
| Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | | 1 |
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APPENDIX NO. 2.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS SUB-
SCRIBED FOR.

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| Academy. | Book buyer. |
| Academy, (London). | Book chat. |
| Albany evening journal. | Book-lore. |
| All the year round. | Bookseller. |
| Allgemeine Zeitung. | Bookworn. |
| Amateur photographer. | Boston commonwealth. |
| American agriculturist. | Boston daily advertiser. |
| American anthropologist. | Boston daily globe. |
| American antiquarian. | Boston evening journal. |
| American architect and building | Boston evening transcript. |
| news. | Boston evening traveller. |
| American bookseller. | Boston herald. |
| American Catholic quarterly re- | Boston post. |
| view. | Boston Public Library Bulletin. |
| American chemical journal. | Botanical gazette. |
| American Institute of Electrical | British chess magazine. |
| Engineers. | Brunonian. |
| American journal of archæology. | Builder. |
| American journal of mathematics. | Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical |
| American journal of numismatics. | Club. |
| American journal of philology. | Carpentry and building. |
| American journal of psychology. | Carriage monthly. |
| American journal of science. | Catholic world. |
| American machinist. | Century. |
| American monthly microscopical | Chambers's journal. |
| journal. | Chemical news. |
| American naturalist. | Chess monthly. |
| American notes and queries. | Chicago daily tribune. |
| American Society of Civil Engin- | Cincinnati commercial gazette. |
| ers. Transactions. | Classical review. |
| Analyst. | Collector. |
| Andover review. | Commercial and financial chroni- |
| Antiquary. | cle. |
| Arena. | Commercial bulletin. |
| Army and navy journal. | Comptes rendus. |
| Art, L'. | Contemporary review. |
| Art amateur. | Cornhill magazine. |
| Art interchange. | Courrier des États-Unis. |
| Art journal. | Critic. |
| Artistic Japan. | Critical review. |
| Astronomical journal. | Cultivator and country gentleman. |
| Athenæum. | Detroit weekly tribune. |
| Atlantic monthly. | Deutsche Rundschau. |
| Auk. | Dial. |
| Author. | Dingler's polytechnisches journal. |
| Babyhood. | Eclectic magazine. |
| Baltimore American. | Economic journal. |
| Banker's magazine. | Edinburgh review. |
| Berkshire courier. | Education. |
| Berliner Tageblatt. | Electrical engineer. |
| Bibliotheca sacra. | Engineer. |
| Blackwood's Edinburgh magazine. | Engineer, (American). |

- Engineering and mining journal.
 Engineering magazine.
 Engineering news.
 Engineering record.
 English historical review.
 English illustrated magazine.
 Essex county mercury.
 Événement, L'.
 Evening post.
 Evening standard.
 Evening star.
 Figaro illustré.
 Folk-lore journal.
 Forest and stream.
 Fortnightly review.
 Forum.
 Français, Le.
 Gaelic journal.
 Garde meuble, Le.
 Garden and forest.
 Gentleman's magazine.
 Germania.
 Gewerbehalle.
 Gloucestershire notes and queries.
 Good words.
 Graphic.
 Green bag.
 Harper's bazar.
 Harper's new monthly magazine.
 Harper's weekly.
 Hartford courant.
 Harvard advocate.
 Harvard lampoon.
 Harvard monthly.
 Ibis.
 Illustrated London news.
 Illustration, L'.
 Illustrerad Tidning.
 Independent.
 Independent statesman.
 International chess magazine.
 International journal of ethics.
 Iron.
 Iron age.
 Iron trade circular.
 Journal manuel de peintures.
 Journal of American folk-lore.
 Journal of education.
 Journal of education, (London).
 Journal of morphology.
 Journal of the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.
 Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies.
 Journal of the Chemical Society.
 Journal of the Franklin Institute.
 Journal of the Gypsy lore Society.
 Journal of the Society of Arts.
 Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry.
 Juridical review.
 Kennebec journal.
 Keynote.
 Lend a hand.
 Library.
 Library journal.
 Life.
 Light.
 Lincolnshire notes and queries.
 Lippincott's magazine.
 Literary world.
 Littell's living age.
 Liverpool weekly mercury.
 Livre moderne, Le.
 London, Edinburgh and Dublin philosophical magazine.
 Longman's magazine.
 Lowell weekly journal.
 Macmillan's magazine.
 Magazine of American history.
 Magazine of New England history.
 Magazine of poetry.
 Mail.
 Maine state press.
 Manufacturer and builder.
 Mechanics.
 Meister.
 Men and women of the day.
 Mentor.
 Mind.
 Mining and scientific press.
 Mining journal.
 Miscellanea genealogica et heraldica.
 Modern language notes.
 Montreal weekly herald.
 Murray's magazine.
 Musical record.
 Nation.
 National review.
 Nature.
 New England historical and genealogical register.
 New England magazine.
 New Englander and Yale review.
 New nation.
 New review.
 New York daily tribune.
 New York herald.
 New York times.
 News and courier.
 Nineteenth century.
 North American review.
 Notes and queries.
 Nouvelle revue, La.
 Old New York.
 Our day.

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| Outing. | Science. |
| Overland monthly. | Scientific American. |
| Pall Mall budget. | Scientific American supplement. |
| Pantobiblion. | Scientific American architects and builders edition. |
| Pedagogical seminary. | Scottish review. |
| Pennsylvania magazine of history and biography. | Scribner's magazine. |
| Philatelic journal of America. | Shakespeariana. |
| Phillips phonograph. | Speaker. |
| Photographic society reporter. | Spectator. |
| Photographic times. | Spirit of the times. |
| Phrenological journal. | Springfield daily republican. |
| Pilot. | Standard. |
| Poet-lore. | Student's journal. |
| Political science quarterly. | Sun and shade. |
| Polybiblion. | Sunday review. |
| Popular science monthly. | Technology quarterly. |
| Popular science news. | Telegraphic journal and electrical review. |
| Portfollo. | Travelers' official guide. |
| Press. | United service gazette. |
| Providence daily journal. | United States official postal guide. |
| Psyche. | United States publications monthly catalogue. |
| Public opinion. | Vårt land. |
| Public opinion, (London). | Weekly bulletin. |
| Publishers' weekly. | Weekly freeman and Irish agricul- turst. |
| Punch. | Weekly picayune. |
| Quarterly journal of economics. | Weekly Scotsman. |
| Quarterly journal of inebriety. | Westminster review. |
| Quarterly register of current his- tory. | Wilson's photographic magazine. |
| Quarterly review. | Woman's journal. |
| Queen. | Wool and cotton reporter. |
| Railroad and engineering journal. | Woonsocket patriot. |
| Railroad gazette. | Worcester daily spy. |
| Republic. | Worcester evening gazette. |
| Review of reviews. | World. |
| Revue des deux mondes. | Writer. |
| Royal Geographical Society. Pro- ceedings. | Yale courant. |
| St. Nicholas. | Yorkshire county magazine. |
| Salem press historical and gen- ealogical record. | Zeitschrift für analytische Chemie. |
| Sanitarian. | Zoologischer Anzeiger. |
| Saturday review. | |

For a list of papers and other periodicals *given* to the library, see the end of the Report of the Committee on the Reading-Room.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

*To the President of the Board of Directors of the Free Public
Library of Worcester :*

The committee on the library have attended to the duties required of them under Article 12 of the rules governing the Board of Directors and its committees. The annual examination of the library has been made, and its condition found much more satisfactory than last year, when the responsible work of its officers was confined to the narrow limits of the old building.

The long-needed additional space and facilities afforded by the new and commodious building, renders it possible greatly to increase the usefulness of this large and excellent library. The adaptability of the building to its purposes, and its completion and occupancy during the year past, is a subject of congratulation to all concerned in its construction, its administration, and to the public.

The large and excellent exhibition of valuable works of art in the new hall has been a prominent feature of the educational work of the library during the year, and has been of great interest and profit to a very large number of visitors.

The institution, having entered upon its enlarged sphere of usefulness, the necessary expense of its maintenance is, of course, correspondingly increased, but there can be no doubt that the same wise liberality shown in the past by the City Government will continue to enable the librarian and his assistants to maintain the present high standard of excellence of an institution of which Worcester is justly proud, and which our citizens appreciate and patronize more and more from year to year.

The thanks of this committee are due and are hereby returned to all persons who have made gifts to the library during the year.

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| JOHN O. MARBLE, EDW. B. GLASGOW, WALDO LINCOLN, BURTON W. POTTER, EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | } | <i>Committee on the Library.</i> |
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Worcester, Mass., December, 1891.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The committee on the reading-room are pleased to refer to the changed condition of this department of the library since our last report. The change from the old room to the new has been the marked feature of the year. The new room is not only pleasant and commodious, but well lighted and ventilated, making it a most attractive place for visitors; every convenience available for the proper arrangement of the papers and periodicals has been provided, and that the change is appreciated, is shown by the increased attendance both during the day and evening, and more particularly on Sunday.

The list of papers and periodicals has been much the same as last year, with some additions, as requests for them have been made. It has been the aim of the committee, acting in connection with the librarian, to add such papers of recognized worth as may be called for from time to time by those who visit the room, with the purpose of providing for every class of citizens who choose to avail themselves of its privileges. There are now 359 papers and periodicals kept on file; of these, 293 are subscribed for, and 66 given by individuals. To all who have so kindly remembered us, the committee would return their thanks.

To maintain the reading room during the coming year, there will be required substantially the same appropriation from the city as last year. The entire income from the permanent fund is \$434.70; the appropriation by the city council for the last year was \$400.00. Notwithstanding the larger room to be cared for, and the additional papers supplied, the running expenses have been increased by only a small amount; thanks to the watchful care of the librarian over the expenses in this department.

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| EDWIN T. MARBLE, | } Committee on the Reading-Room. |
| JOHN O. MARBLE, | |

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

American machinist.
Engineering magazine.

Engineering record.
Wool and cotton reporter.

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

American,
American amateur photographer,
American gas light journal,
American Catholic news,
*American machinist,
American missionary,
American philatelist,
Amerika,
Amerikanische Turnzeitung,
Baptist missionary magazine,
Berrow's Worcester journal,
British journal of photography,
Bulletin of the National Association
of Wool Manufacturers,
C. T. A. news,
Christian leader,
Christian register,
Churchman,
Congressional record,
Courrier de Worcester, Le,
Denver times,
Donahoe's magazine,
Draper's record,
Engineering,
Evesham journal,
Fitchburg weekly sentinel,
Free Russia,
Home market bulletin,
Home missionary,
Hospital cottage friend,
Jewelers' weekly,
Journal of American orthœpy,
Locomotive,
*Maine farmer,
*Massachusetts' ploughman,
Messenger,
Mid-weekly,
Missionary herald,
Musical herald,
Musical times,
*New England farmer,

Publishers.
George E. Francia.
G. Warren Dresser, Editor.
Catholic Truth Society.
Proprietors of the Spy.
American Missionary Association.
Publishers.
B. E. Bergesen.
Publishers.
F. A. Gaskill.
Charles H. Birbeck.
George E. Francis.
Association.
Thomas J. Conaty.
Universalist Publishing House.
American Unitarian Association.
Jessie E. Tyler.
J. H. Walker.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Thomas J. Conaty.
Proprietors.
Publishers.
Publishers.
Sentinel Printing Co.
Publishers.
Home Market Club.
Publishers.
Mrs. E. E. Foster.
Publishers.
Publishers.
J. L. Smith.
Proprietors of the Spy.
Proprietors of the Spy.
Publishers.
Jessie E. Tyler.
Publishers.
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| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Norden, | B. E. Bergesen. |
| Official gazette of the U. S. Patent | |
| Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open court, | Publishers. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| *Paradise of the Pacific, | Anonymous. |
| Pilot, | Catholic Truth Society. |
| Practical mechanic, | Editor. |
| Printer's ink, | Anonymous. |
| Public ledger, | George W. Childs, Proprietor. |
| *Santa Monica outlook, | Publishers. |
| Skandinavia, | Publishers. |
| Southern workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sun, | Publishers. |
| Sunday herald, | Anonymous. |
| Textile manufacturing world, | Publishers. |
| Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| Tuftonian, | Tufts College. |
| Union signal, | James A. Norcross. |
| Unitarian review, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Voice, | Funk & Wagnalls. |
| Volapük, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Watchman, | Publishers. |
| *West shore, | H. W. Corbett. |
| Worcester dally spy, | Publishers. |
| *Worcester dally times, | Publishers. |
| Worcester evening gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's crisis, | Publishers. |
| Yarmouth times, | L. E. Baker, Yarmouth, N. S. |
| Zion's herald, | Anonymous. |
| *Discontinued. | |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The expenditures during the past year for repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., have been \$5,637.40. That is an unusually large amount, because of the necessity of buying furniture for the new building and having carpentry work done which had not been provided for in the contract for putting up the building. A few pieces of work of importance remain to be done. It will be necessary to ask for \$1,000 for additions, repairs and furniture.

It will be necessary to spend more for coal, gas, electric lighting and water the present year than in the one just ended. Although the new building was heated during the whole year, the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Government paid for 60 tons of coal in part payment for the amount spent by the library in heating the new building as it approached completion.

The building committee also paid one half the wages of a second janitor for several months.

The amounts spent for gas, electric lighting and water were for the use of such facilities for only eight months, in so far as the new building is concerned.

The building committee of this board wishes to express the pleasure it feels because the new building has proved so convenient and substantial.

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| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | } Committee | |
| E. I. COMINS, | | on the |
| GEO. M. WOODWARD, | | Building. |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee submits herewith statements relating to the City appropriation and to its expenditure, and to the Green Library Fund for the year ending November 30, 1891.

The amount of the Green Library Fund is now \$44,766.06. One fourth part of the income has been added to the principal, in accordance with the provisions of the will of Dr. Green, and the amount so added during the year is \$543.11.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$24,500.00 ; the amount received from the Dog License Fund, \$5,079.92 ; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$531.40 ; total, \$30,111.32.

The expenditures from this amount were \$30,069.69, leaving a balance unexpended of \$41.63.

All the securities of the Green Library Fund, in the hands of the City Treasurer, have been examined, and found to correspond with the schedules, and the Treasurer's account has been audited and found to be correct. The Committee has also examined and approved the Librarian's account. The estimates made by the Committee for the expenses of the coming year are submitted for your consideration.

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| A. G. BULLOCK, WALDO LINCOLN, EDWIN T. MARBLE, | } | <i>Finance Committee.</i> |
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CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending November 30, 1891.

RESOURCES.

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| City appropriation, | \$24,500 00 |
| Dog money, | 5,079 92 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 531 40 |
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| | \$30,111 32 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$995 47 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 200 08 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 139 88 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), postage stamps, express- age and minor running expenses, | 632 29 |
| Paper for covering books and stationary, | 63 88 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 60 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 30 73 |
| Repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 5,637 40 |
| Coal and wood, | 839 58 |
| Electric light, | 509 74 |
| Gas, | 805 20 |
| Water, | 242 86 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 4,357 84 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,000 00 |
| Wages of janitor and messenger, | 1,290 00 |
| Additional library service, including that of elevator boy, | 1,961 06 |
| Cataloguing, | 58 37 |
| Insurance, | 297 50 |
| Books, | 8,366 32 |
| Papers and periodicals (in addition to the amount of money spent from the income of the Reading-room fund), | 400 00 |
| Re-arrangement and re-numbering of reference library, | 181 51 |
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| | \$30,069 69 |
| Balance unexpended, | 41 63 |
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| | \$30,111 32 |

STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

NOVEMBER 30 1891.

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| The income for the year ending Nov. 30, 1891, is as follows: | |
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$982 85 |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 346 50 |
| Dividends on savings bank deposits, | 717 82 |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 6 51 |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioner, | 118 77 |
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| | \$2,172 45 |
| Of this income, there has been added to the fund one- | |
| fourth part, viz., | \$543 11 |
| And to the book account three-fourths, viz., | 1,629 34 |
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| | \$2,172 45 |

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | Nov. 30, 1890. | Nov. 30, 1891. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$19,350 00 | \$19,350 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 6,800 00 | 6,800 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 18 072 95 | 18,616 06 |
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| | \$44,222 95 | \$44,766 06 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

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| Balance, Dec. 1, 1890, | \$1,393 46 |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,629 34 |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 30 81 |
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| Total, | \$3,053 61 |
| Expended for books during year, | 302 90 |
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| Balance, Nov. 30, 1891, | \$2,750 71 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1890. | Nov. 30, 1891. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balances, | \$44,222 95 | \$44,766 06 |
| Book account balances, | 1,393 46 | 2,750 71 |
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| | \$45,616 41 | \$47,516 77 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE READING ROOM FUND.

E. I. Comins, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-room Fund of the Free Public Library :—

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| Dec. 1, 1890. Balance in hands of Treasurer, | \$281 37 |
| Received from City Treasurer, | 400 00 |
| “ “ Savings Banks (interest), | 298 70 |
| “ dividends on railroad stock, | 136 00 |
| | \$1,116 07 |

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| Cash paid for periodicals, | \$898 51 |
| “ “ “ money orders, | 50 |
| “ “ “ postage and stationery, | 60 |
| | \$899 61 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands Dec. 1, 1891, | 216 07 |
| | \$1,116 07 |

The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows :—

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| Deposited in Savings Banks, | \$7,470 90 |
| Eleven shares of Norwich & Worcester R. R. stock, | 2,000 00 |
| Six shares Boston & Albany R. R. stock, | 1,375 50 |
| Paid on new share of Boston & Albany R. R. stock, | 10 00 |
| | \$10,856 40 |

E. I. COMINS, Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

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| A. G. BULLOCK. | } | <i>Finance.</i> |
| WALDO LINCOLN, | | |
| EDWIN P. MARBLE, | | |

Committee.



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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

1891-2.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

OF THE

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1892.

WORCESTER:
PRINTED BY CHAS. HAMILTON,
311 MAIN STREET.
1893.

DIRECTORS IN 1893.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| ALFRED S. PINKERTON, | BURTON W. POTTER, | Dec. 31, 1893. |
| EDWARD I. COMINS, | WALDO LINCOLN, | " 1894. |
| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | " 1895. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | GEORGE M. WOODWARD, | " 1896. |
| GEORGE C. WHITNEY, | CHARLES A. PEABODY, | " 1897. |
| FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON, | ALMON GUNNISON, | " 1898. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

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| PRESIDENT. | SECRETARY. | TREASURER. |
| BURTON W. POTTER. | CHARLES A. PEABODY. | EDWARD I. COMINS. |

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

BURTON W. POTTER, WALDO LINCOLN, EVERETT J. BARDWELL,
CHARLES A. PEABODY. ALMON GUNNISON.

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

THOMAS J. CONATY, ALFRED S. PINKERTON, GEORGE C. WHITNEY.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

SAMUEL WINSLOW, EDWARD I. COMINS, FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

WALDO LINCOLN, GEORGE C. WHITNEY, GEORGE M. WOODWARD.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT-LIBRARIANS.

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| LUCIE A. YOUNG, | JESSIE E. TYLER, | ELLEN L. OTIS, |
| SARAH D. TUCKER, | HATTIE J. CHILDS, | AROLYN L. JOHNSON. |

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Francis A. Harrington, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Worcester:—

The Directors of the Free Public Library have the honor to submit their thirty-third annual report.

The reports of the several standing committees of the board, together with the report of the Librarian and that of the Treasurer of the Reading-room fund are also transmitted. These reports show in detail the work of the past year and the present condition of the Library, with such suggestions as to its future needs, as seem necessary to keep it to that standard of excellence demanded by its patrons.

The financial condition of the library is as follows:—

City appropriation \$18,500; received from dog license money \$5,271.36; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$526.51; unexpended balance of last year \$41.63; making a total of \$24,339.50. There has been expended in the various departments of the library \$24,208.26, leaving an unexpended balance of \$131.24.

The income from the Green Library fund has been \$2,188.37; one-fourth of this, \$547.10, has been added to the fund itself, and the other three-fourths, \$1,641.27, to the book account of the Green Library.

The income from the Reading-room fund has been \$441.34. Appropriated by the City Council \$400; balance from last year \$216.46; making a total of \$1,057.80. There has been expended for newspapers, periodicals, etc., \$862.32, leaving a balance of \$195.48.

The Green Library fund now amounts to \$45,313.16 and the Reading-room fund \$10,856.44; all of which is securely invested.

The total number of volumes in the library is 89,268, a gain of 3,766 since the last report. The number of papers and periodicals subscribed for, or contributed by friends of the library, is 373.

The number of volumes delivered in the circulating department is 126,409, and in the reference department 72,699; making a total number of volumes for the year 199,108. While the number in the circulating department has fallen off somewhat from last year, the number in the reference department has increased 13,979, or an increase of nearly twenty-four per cent.

Many interesting facts showing in detail the practical working of the library will be found in the librarian's report. The estimates submitted of the several amounts required to meet the current expenses of the library for the coming year have been most carefully considered by the Board, and the amount there called for will be necessary to carry on the library and maintain that standard of efficiency demanded by our citizens. A careful examination of the expenditures for the past few years shows that a very large per cent. is absolutely necessary to support the library as it is. The heating, lighting, care of the building, salaries of the librarian and his assistants, together with the many incidental expenses must be provided for; any further reduction decreases by so much the amount available for the purchase of new books.

The one item of extraordinary expenditure contained in the estimates, and referred to by the building committee and the librarian, that of furnishing new shelving for the upper stack in the new building, seems one of imperative necessity, not only to furnish much needed room for the proper arrangement of the books, but especially to enable the many very valuable books and art treasures now in the old building to be placed in that part of the new one specially arranged for the Green Library, and which is practically fire-proof. It would be difficult to replace many of them, should they be destroyed. This item should really be classified under the furnishings for the building, rather than included under current expenses.

The plan for establishing suburban delivery stations for the circulating department, which has been referred to in former reports, we would again bring to your attention. No action has as yet been taken in the matter, as no appropriation was made for the purpose. The estimated expense will be about fifteen hundred dollars for the establishment of eight suburban stations. The above amount has not been included in the estimates, but should the City Council deem it best to make an appropriation for this purpose, the directors would most gladly carry the plan into effect, fully agreeing with our predecessors that thereby the library would be made more useful, and the people living in the outlying districts who cannot now enjoy its privileges without great inconvenience, could then gain lasting benefits from the Free Public Library.

The present closes the first full year of occupancy of the new building which has proved so admirably adapted for its intended use, and has been fully appreciated by the large number of those who have visited the library for the consultation or selection of books. The large and commodious reading-rooms, well equipped for use at all times, have proved a most attractive place to the many readers who have reaped their benefits. The record of attendance is kept only on Sundays and on Holidays, and the average number of persons visiting the rooms on Sunday was 250, while the largest number on any Sunday was 434. These statistics witness stronger than could mere words, the value of this department.

Thirty-three years have passed since the munificent gift of Dr. Green made the Free Public Library of Worcester a reality. Starting with some 12,000 volumes given by Dr. Green and the Lyceum and Library Association, it has grown to its present proportions of upwards of 89,000 volumes. Thanks to the generous and progressive liberality of the City Council, and the wise management of its Boards of Directors, it stands to-day as one of the great educational institutions of our city. It justly merits its wide reputation as being a store-house of well selected books, a library wisely administered and fully alive to the best interests of the people. Few, if any, of the cities of similar size in the country

can boast of educational advantages equal to those of Worcester. Its excellent system administered in the public schools and private schools of high repute, passes on by gradations to the Academy, the Polytechnic Institute, the College, and the University. All these have the same end in view,—the education of the people.

The Public Library should assist and supplement all efforts of professors, teachers and pupils, and bring to their aid all the means in its power as well as help all persons who seek information within its walls. In truth, the library should extend its advantages beyond the domain of school and college, and should, if possible, become a helpful factor in home-culture to those denied the benefits of school training. The great activity in all departments of education calls for constant and increasing watchfulness on the part of those in charge of the Library, that such books of real merit as may be called for to aid investigation, may be promptly placed upon its shelves. We trust that the same generosity that has governed your action in the past may be continued in the future, in order that this most important department of the city's care and interest may be maintained at its high standard of excellence.

To all who have in any way rendered aid to the Library, either in giving books for its different departments, or newspapers and periodicals for the reading-room, we would extend our hearty thanks.

It gives us pleasure to bear testimony to the faithful, scholarly, and courteous services rendered by our Librarian and his assistants in the discharge of their duties, and we feel that, in so doing, we but voice the sentiments of all visitors to the Library. The long service of our Librarian, his thorough knowledge of books and authors, his intimate acquaintance with libraries, and his prominent position among librarians throughout the country, give added worth to his advice in the selection of books, and to his efficient counsel in the general administration of the affairs of his office.

On behalf and by vote of the Directors,
EDWIN T. MARBLE, *President.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Honorable Edwin T. Marble, President of the Board of Directors :—

Following is the thirty-third annual report of the Librarian ; it is the twenty-second which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, the accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms on Sundays and holidays ; and record such other facts in the history of the library the past year, as it is our custom to call attention to.

This report covers the work of the library for the first full year that it has occupied the new building. In the light of the experience of the year the statement in the last report may be reaffirmed with emphasis that " the building has proved very convenient, and, used in connection with the older structure, has given a great amount of satisfaction to readers and students, as well as the officers of the library."

During the twenty months which it has been in use it has been visited by a large number of librarians and directors of libraries and generally admired for the excellence and variety of its accommodations and for successful arrangements which were made in its construction for convenience and economy in administration. It is also regarded as an attractive and beautiful building both in the inside and as seen from the outside.

A large amount of work has been done during the past year. The performance of much of it has been evident, but much, too, has not come under the eye of the user of the library. A great

stir has prevailed in the working-rooms and in the stacks, while quiet has prevailed in the reading-rooms.

The whole reference library has been under observation and a large amount of work has been done in re-classifying it. The larger portion of it has also been removed from its quarters in the old building to its new location in the fire-proof stacks.

We have not been able to remove all of the books in the reference library into the stacks, because of the lack of shelving in them.

The upper stack-room was not furnished when the new building was handed over to the library by the building committee of the City Government.

The time has come now when that room must be filled with shelves. The exigency has been so imperative that several hundred dollars were spent last year in providing shelf-room, and it appears from careful estimates which have been obtained that to complete this undertaking, paint the walls of the stacks and do some other furnishing for securing means for the proper storage and care of the books, an extraordinary appropriation of \$3,182 will be required.

This amount will undoubtedly be forthcoming, the immediate necessity for doing the work mentioned can be so readily demonstrated.

One other matter, relating to the comfort of readers, I wish to call your particular attention to. A re-arrangement of the lighting fixtures in the Green Library reading-room and in the reading room for magazines is urgently called for. This requirement should be attended to the coming year; fortunately it can be met by a small expenditure of money.

The library had on its shelves December 1, 1892, 89,268 volumes, divided as follows :

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Green Library, | 23,860 |
| Intermediate department, | 24,601 |
| Circulating department, | 41,807 |

The number of papers and periodicals taken here is 373. The number of volumes added to the library during the year has been 3,766. This is a smaller number than was added last year for

the reason that the City Government felt obliged to reduce our appropriation on account of decreased income. The number of additions would not have been as large as it is had it not been for the fact that the income of the Green Library Fund had been allowed to accumulate, so that a much larger sum than usual was available from that source, the past year, for the purchase of books.

It is believed that during the present year the City Government will see its way clear to make our appropriation large enough to enable us to spend a liberal sum for books. Otherwise, the accumulations referred to having been used up, the library would be very much cramped in its endeavors to meet the reasonable wants of residents who are seeking information and who have been taught of the generosity of the city as shown hitherto, to rely with assurance upon finding it in books belonging to the library. The progress of the world in all departments of knowledge is so rapid that a library which cannot spend a liberal amount for new books becomes comparatively useless. Standard works of tried value must also be looked out for continually and added to the library as opportunities offer to buy them.

Worcester has every reason to be proud of her library and of the facilities which her citizens enjoy of cultivating their minds and adding to both theoretical and practical knowledge through the instrumentality of books furnished them by sympathetic, well trained and accomplished attendants.

The use of the library last year was 199,108 volumes, divided as follows :—

| | |
|---|---------|
| Circulating department for use at home, | 126,409 |
| Reference use on all days excepting Sundays and holidays, | 70,720 |
| Sunday reference use, | 1,426 |
| Reference use on holidays, | 553 |

Naturally there has been in the past year as in the eight months of the previous year a large increase in the use of the reference department, because of the added facilities and comfort afforded by the new building in which its books are consulted.

The increase in the use of books in that department during the year has been 13,979 volumes.

We have been able to render unusually valuable services to our higher educational institutions and have been more than ordinarily useful to the high and other common and private schools of the city.

The increase in the use of the lower or newspaper reading-room has been very noticeable during the last year, as it was unmistakably observable during the portion of the year previously reported on in which the new building was occupied.

No account has been kept of the number of persons who have used the papers daily, excepting on Sundays and holidays. On those days the increase has been on the average upwards of 25 persons a day, in addition to an average increase of $31\frac{1}{2}$ a day during the first eight months of the use of the new quarters.

The work-room of the librarian and some of his assistants in the old building, the use of which was discontinued for former purposes upon the completion of the new building, has within a short time been turned into a reading-room where ladies may use magazines and literary and scientific papers. The room has also been furnished with six newspapers, two from New York, two from Boston and two from Worcester, which ladies may use without going into the larger reading-room for newspapers, in the basement of the new building. The use already made of the room justifies the library in setting it apart for ladies.

Three exhibitions of pictures belonging to the library have been held during the year.

From February 11—March 2 the entire set of the fine chromolithographs issued by the Arundel Society of London was arranged about the walls of the art galleries and all persons were invited to inspect them freely. During the eighteen days that the exhibition was open it was visited by 1,247 persons, or, on the average, by 69 persons a day.

From April 19—30 there was an exhibition in the lecture hall, mainly for school children. As the pupils of the grammar schools were finishing the study of the period of the Civil War in United States history, one hundred photographs of battle fields (some of them taken before the dead were removed), houses, bridges and objects and places rendered memorable by

incidents in the war, were hung upon the walls, the teachers of the schools were notified that they were on exhibition and an invitation was extended to them and through them, to their scholars to attend it between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock P. M., a time when the school children were likely to be at liberty. The exhibition was also open Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. It was very interesting to note the pleasure and profit received by the young persons as in groups they gathered around pictures and examined and studied them in the light thrown upon them by the text-books which they had been using in school. The interest was enhanced when some veteran of the war joined the groups or brought his children and relatives and narrated his personal experiences at some of the places pictured or explained details of military movements and the strategic value of positions.

The exhibition was visited by 591 persons, or an average of 53 or 54 every day.

In mid-summer, from June 6 to July 9, there was an exhibition of a very valuable collection of large-sized photographs of a large number of the best portraits that have been painted by the masters of portraiture.

A catalogue of these was prepared by the late Miss Emily W. Sargent, and printed at the expense of the Worcester Art Society.

It was an admirable piece of work and gave added testimony to the thorough knowledge which Miss Sargent had regarding all matters connected with the fine arts.

Her willingness to undertake so elaborate and thorough a piece of annotated cataloguing emphasized the public spirit and spirit of helpfulness which were portions of her character. The library owed to Miss Sargent a debt which it would have found it hard to pay.

She always stood ready to place her knowledge at our service and she was always willing to labor long and earnestly to make selections of photographs to meet the wants of users of the library and, in any other way that was pointed out to her, to add to the usefulness of an institution which she considered of the first importance and which she was anxious to aid in all its efforts to elevate the taste or add to the knowledge of citizens or

stimulate inquiry among its younger or older users. 752 persons visited the exhibition last referred to, or 26 persons on the average daily.

The first and third exhibitions were open from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and on Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. There has been a willingness to show the pictures at other hours of the day than those advertised when wishes of residents in that direction have been made known to us.

In preparing for the two large exhibitions in the art galleries much aid has been received from members of the Worcester Art Society and particularly from two of its members, namely, Mr. John G. Heywood and Mr. Frederick S. Pratt. We allowed the Art Society to announce the exhibitions for a single evening each as their own before they were thrown open to the public. In return they arranged and hung the pictures and in the case of one of the exhibitions, as stated before, at considerable expense, provided a carefully prepared and valuable printed catalogue.

This co-operation of the Society and the library has been of advantage to both; the Art Society has been able to do work for the benefit of the people of the city as well as for its own members and the library has been relieved of expenses which it must have incurred without the aid of the Society.

The citizens of Worcester are also indebted to the Worcester Art Society for incurring considerable expense in providing an exhibition of portraits and landscapes in oil colors. That began October 17th of the past autumn and was kept open three weeks or more.

The portraits were by Mr. Walter Gilman Paige of Boston, and the landscapes by Mr. Dwight F. Boyden of Paris and Boston. The pictures were of a high order of excellence, and were examined by visitors with great satisfaction. The exhibition was largely attended.

It is evident that Worcester is doing a beneficent work in showing freely and often real art treasures; it is giving instruction and improving the taste of the community.

A list of the persons and institutions to which we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us.

Especial gratitude is due to the Boston Athenæum, the libraries of Harvard University and Columbia College, and the library of the United States Surgeon-General's office, for their kindness in the past, as in previous years, in lending us books for the use of citizens of Worcester.

It is necessary for us to borrow largely of the books of other libraries in order to furnish materials to students here, needed in doing literary work, and in making scientific and other investigations.

It is fortunate for us that the courtesies of other institutions are extended to us so freely. The kindness shown us should make us both grateful and generous, and incline us to be ready to help inquirers in other places than Worcester.

The library has received from James Green, Esquire, trustee under the will of the late Dr. John Green, the principal founder of our library, thirty shares of the stock of the Central National Bank. The market value of this gift is now \$4,500. This is to form, with the accretions of interest provided for in Dr. Green's will, a Librarian Fund. Not any of the income from the fund is to be used until the principal has increased to \$20,000. Then one-fourth of the income is still to be added to the principal and the remainder of the income may be used for library purposes specified in the will.

Another bequest, provided for in a codicil of the will of Dr. Green, consisting of twenty shares of bank stock, will come to the city and library after the death of a single elderly lady who now enjoys its income.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee appended. These signatures were written after the account had been examined by the Committee.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, December 19, 1892.

We have examined the Librarian's account from December 1, 1891, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows :

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1891, | \$273 36 | |
| Received for fines, | 463 39 | |
| Received from sale of copies of the printed catalogues and lists of additions, | 68 50 | |
| Received for books injured or lost, | 8 32 | |
| Received from deposits, | 9 75 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 8 67 | |
| | | \$881 99 |
| Deposits returned, | \$ 6 50 | |
| Paid W. S. Barton, Esq., city treasurer, | 526 51 | |
| | | \$583 01 |
| Balance in librarian's hands, December 1, 1892, | \$298 98 | |
| | | \$881 99 |

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| WALDO LINCOLN, | } <i>Members of the Finance Committee.</i> |
| EDWIN T. MARBLE, | |
| GEO. C. WHITNEY, | |

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Balance from previous year, | \$41 68 |
| Municipal appropriation, | \$18,500 00 |
| Income from invested funds :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,688 11 |
| Reading-room “ | 441 34 |
| | \$2,129 45 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | \$5,271 36 |
| “ “ fines, | 463 39 |
| “ “ sale of catalogues, | 68 50 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 8 32 |
| Sundries, | 18 42 |
| | \$26,501 07 |
| Cash on hand at last report :— | |
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,750 71 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 273 36 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 216 46 |
| | \$3,240 53 |
| | \$29,741 60 |

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EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books :—

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$2,651 23 |
| City appropriation, | 5,862 70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$8,018 98 |

Periodicals :—

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$ 16 90 |
| City appropriation, | 247 39 |
| Reading-room Fund, | 861 67 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,125 96 |

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|----------|----------|
| Binding, | 1,010 78 |
|----------|----------|

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Repairs and additions, } | \$1,178 83 |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | |
| Insurance, | 80 51 |
| Fuel, | 938 90 |
| Lights, | 1,848 29 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitors and elevator boy), | \$8,675 78 |
| Cataloguing, | 750 00 |
| Extra service, | 2,641 64 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Printing catalogues, | 244 83 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 232 38 |
| Postage, | 154 20 |

Sundries :—

| | |
|--|------------|
| Water for elevators, etc., | \$318 30 |
| Printing annual report, | 55 42 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, and minor running expenses, | 580 96 |
| Premium on bank stock bought for the Green Library Fund, | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,454 68 |

Cash on hand, December 1, 1892 :—

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Green Library Fund, | \$1,270 69 |
| Reading-room " | 195 48 |
| Money received for fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 298 98 |
| Balance of city appropriation, | 181 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,896 39 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$29,741 60 |

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Green Library, | 307 | |
| Intermediate department, | 793 | |
| Circulating department, | 2,118 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,217 |

Increase of volumes by gifts :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Intermediate department, | 318 | |
| Circulating department, | 40 | |
| | <hr/> | 354 |

Increase of volumes by binding periodicals :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Green Library, | 7 | |
| Intermediate department, | 346 | |
| Circulating department, | 34 | |
| | <hr/> | 387 |

Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Intermediate department, | | 3 |
|--------------------------|--|---|

Number of missing volumes restored since last report :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Intermediate department, | 1 | |
| Circulating department, | 2 | 3 |
| | <hr/> | 3,964 |

Number of volumes withdrawn since last report :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 25 | |
| Circulating department, | 149 | |
| | <hr/> | 174 |

Number of volumes missing since last report :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Intermediate department, | 6 | |
| Circulating department, | 18 | |
| | <hr/> | 24 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 198 |

Net increase for the year,

3,766

Number of volumes in the library as last reported :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Green Library, | 23,045 | |
| Intermediate department, | 23,177 | |
| Circulating department, | 39,280 | |
| | <hr/> | 85,502 |

Total number of volumes in the library,

89,268

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Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| Green Library, | 2 | |
| Intermediate department, | 66 | |
| | — | 68 |

Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts :—

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 524 | |
| | — | 592 |

Number of newspapers subscribed for :—

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 123 | |
| Number of newspapers given to the Reading-room, | 46 | |
| | — | 169 |

Number of magazines subscribed for :—

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Reading-room fund and City funds, | 188 | |
| Green Library fund, | 7 | |
| Number of magazines given to the Reading-room, | 14 | |
| | — | 204 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 305 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 366 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 366 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 126,409 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | *70,720 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), | 64 |
| (Circulating department, 414; Reference department, 232) | |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), March 19, | 1,158 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, January 16, 936; in Reference department, November 1, 591) | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), September 14, | 228 |
| (Smallest in Circulating department, June 13, 177; in Reference department, July 28 and August 5, 27) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 7 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 11 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 149 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 7,805 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 2,376 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 2,204 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made November 1, 1889), | 12,897 |

* Of this number, 18,916 shows the use of volumes and portfolios of pictures in the art exhibitions.

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
|---|--------|
| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 o'clock to 9 o'clock, P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 3,469 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 9,508 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number, | 12,977 |
| Average number of persons, | 250 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, February 21, | 434 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 3, | 134 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,426 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 27 |

HOLIDAYS.

| | |
|---|-------|
| The upper Reading-room is open from 9 o'clock A. M. to 9½ P. M. | |
| The lower, from 8 A. M. to 9½ P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 778 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 2,082 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number, | 2,860 |
| Average number of persons, | 318 |
| Largest attendance, October 21, | 467 |
| Smallest attendance, July 4, | 126 |
| Number of volumes used for reference, | 553 |
| Average number of volumes used, | 61 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| GIVERS. | Books | Pamphlets |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Abbot, William F., 1 folded sheet | | 1 |
| Academy of Natural Sciences, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | |
| Adams Charles F., <i>Quincy</i> , | 1 | 2 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | 1 |
| American Home Missionary Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | 2 |
| American Meteorological Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 |
| American Unitarian Association, | | 1 |
| Ames Free Library, <i>North Easton</i> , | | 1 |
| Amherst College, <i>Amherst</i> , | | 1 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Angell, George T., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Anonymous, 1 newspaper, 1 sheet | 5 | 17 |
| Apprentices' Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Archæological Institute of America, | | 2 |
| Arena Publishing Company, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Arlington, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | |
| Art Students' Club of Worcester, | | 1 |
| Arundel Society, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | |
| Associated Charities, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Baillie's Institution Free Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Batchelder, John M., <i>Cambridge</i> , | 1 | |
| Beer, William, 1 sheet | 1 | |
| Berry, John M., 13 plates | 1 | 1 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, <i>Florence, Italy</i> , | | 27 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, Vittorio Emanuele, <i>Rome, Italy</i> , | | 16 |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton</i> , | | 1 |
| Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries' Committee, | | 1 |
| Blake, H. G. O., | 1 | |
| Blanchard, W. S. & Co., 4 plates | | |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bolles, Frank, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Bolton, Charles K., <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Boston, City Messenger, | 3 | |
| Public Library, | 1 | 4 |
| Boston Book Company, | | 1 |
| Boutell, Lewis H., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | |
| Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bremer, L., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | 1 |
| Brett, W. H., <i>Cleveland, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Brighton Public Library, <i>Brighton, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Brinton, Daniel G., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Britannia Company, <i>Colchester, Eng.</i> , | 2 | 1 |
| Brogi, Giacomo, <i>Florence, Italy</i> , | | 1 |

| GIVERS. | Books | Pamphlets |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| Brookline Public Library, | | 1 |
| Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Buffalo Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bunker Hill Monument Association, <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Burt, B. C., <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> , | | 1 |
| California State Library, <i>Sacramento, Cal.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> , City Council, | 1 | |
| Public Library, | | 1 |
| Cambridge University Library, <i>Cambridge, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Canadian Institute, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Canfield, <i>Mrs. P. S.</i> , | 22 photographs | 29 |
| Canfield, <i>Miss P. W. S.</i> , | 11 | |
| Cardiff Free Libraries, Museum and Art Gallery, <i>Cardiff, Wales</i> , | | 1 |
| Carnegie Free Library, <i>Allegheny, Pa.</i> , | 1 | |
| Catellier, L. A., Under Secretary of State, <i>Ottawa, Canada.</i> , | | 1 |
| Chamberlain, Alexander F., | | 1 |
| Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Board of Trade, | 1 | |
| Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> | | 1 |
| Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Civil Service Reform Association of Boston, | | 41 |
| Clapham Public Library, <i>London</i> , | | 2 |
| Clark University, <i>Worcester</i> , | 1 folded sheet | 3 |
| Clerkenwell Public Library, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Cleveland, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | | 2 |
| College of the Holy Cross, <i>Worcester</i> , | | 1 |
| Conaty, Thomas J., | | 3 |
| Concord, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 4 |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | | 4 |
| Crisp, Frederick A., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | 1 | |
| Damon, <i>Mrs. Charles B.</i> , | | 1 |
| Dante Society, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Davis, Andrew McFarland, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 2 |
| Denver, <i>Colorado</i> , Public Library, | | |
| 1 plate, 10 folded sheets, 4 newspapers, 1 map | 1 | 53 |
| Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 2 |
| Devens, Arthur L., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | |
| Dexter, F. B., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 2 |
| Diplomatic Review, <i>London. Eng.</i> , | 3 | 14 |
| Dole, Charles F., <i>Jamaica Plain</i> , | | 3 |
| Drew, Allis & Company, | 2 | |
| Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 2 |
| Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Estes & Lauriat, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Executive Committee of the Twenty-Fourth National Encampment, | | |
| Grand Army of the Republic, | 1 | |
| Fall River Public Library, | | 1 |
| Fitz Public Library, <i>Chelsea</i> , | | 1 |
| Fletcher Free Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| Flinn, Alfred D., | | 1 |
| Foote, Allen R., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 2 |
| Forbush, E. H., <i>Malden</i> , | | 1 |

| GIVERS. | | Books | Pamphlets |
|--|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| Foster, William E., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 8 |
| French, T. H., <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, <i>Germantown, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Garver, Austin S., | | | 8 |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Gilman, Daniel C., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Gloversville Free Library, <i>Gloversville, N. Y.</i> , | 1 folded sheet | | |
| Gordon, H. L., <i>Minneapolis, Minn.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Gow, George B., <i>Glens Falls, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Grand Rapids, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Grant, G. M., <i>Kingston, Ontario</i> , | | | 1 |
| Great Yarmouth, <i>England</i> , Free Library, | | | 1 |
| Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 | 8 |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 folded sheet | 2 | 8 |
| Green, Samuel S., | 5 folded sheets | 1 | 8 |
| Grosvenor, Edwin A., <i>Millbury</i> , | | | 1 |
| Hall, J. Brainerd, | | | 6 |
| Hallowell, Norwood P., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | |
| Hamilton Public Library, <i>Hamilton, Ontario</i> , | | | 1 |
| Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, <i>Hampton, Va.</i> , | 1 folded sheet | | |
| Hardy, George E., <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Harrington, Francis A., | | 1 | |
| Hartford Courant Company, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Hartford Library Association, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Hartford Theological Seminary, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | 18 |
| Harvard University, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 | 28 |
| Harvard University, Divinity School Library, | | | 1 |
| Hazen, Henry A., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | |
| Heywood, E. H., <i>Princeton</i> , | 1 paper | | |
| Highland Military Academy, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | 1 |
| Hill, Nathaniel P., <i>Colorado Springs, Col.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Hobbs, William H., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Home Market Club, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 10 |
| Hopedale Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Howland, Henry J., | | | 8 |
| Hubbard, L. M., | 10 maps | | |
| Huling, Ray G., <i>New Bedford</i> , | | | 5 |
| Hutchins, F. L., | 1 folded sheet | | 1 |
| Indian Rights Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | 1 folded sheet | | 1 |
| Indiana Bureau of Statistics, <i>Indianapolis, Ind.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Indiana Commandery, M. O. L. L. A., | | | 1 |
| Jersey City, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | | 8 |
| Johnson, T. L., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Kansas City, <i>Mo.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Leicester, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Leicester Academy, <i>Leicester</i> , | | | 1 |
| Leland Stanford Junior University, <i>Palo Alto, Cal.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Leominster Public Library, | | | 1 |

| GIVERS. | | Books | Pamphlets |
|---|-----------|-------|-----------|
| Libble, C. F. & Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| Lincoln Public Library, <i>Lincoln, Nebraska</i> , | | | 1 |
| Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| London, <i>England</i> , St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Los Angeles, <i>Cal.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, | | | 2 |
| Lothrop, Thornton K., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | |
| Loughead, Flora H., <i>Santa Barbara, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Lowell City Library, | | | 3 |
| Lynn Public Library, | | 1 | 1 |
| McClellan, Mrs. E. A., | | 1 | |
| Macdonald, Arthur, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Mackenzie, Harriet, <i>Braemar, Scotland</i> , | | 2 | |
| Macullar, Frank R., | 16 plates | | |
| Malmonides Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Malden Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>Eng.</i> , Public Free Libraries, | | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Record Commissioner, | | 2 | 1 |
| Secretary of the Commonwealth, | | 21 | 3 |
| State Board of Agriculture, | | | 1 |
| State Board of Lunacy and Charity, | | 1 | |
| State Library, | | 13 | 2 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton</i> , | | | 1 |
| State Normal School, <i>Worcester</i> , | | | 1 |
| Trustees of Public Reservations, | | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Horticultural Society, | 1 sheet | | |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 2 |
| Massachusetts Mechanic Charitable Association, | | 1 | |
| Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, | | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, | | 1 | |
| Melrose Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Memorial Hall Library, <i>Andover</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 5 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia, | | | 1 |
| Merriam, John M., <i>Framingham</i> , | | | 1 |
| Michigan State Board of Health, <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> , | | | 3 |
| Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Minneapolis Public Library, <i>Minneapolis, Minn.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mitchell Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | | 1 |
| Moen, Mrs. Philip L., | | 1 | |
| Morse, Edward S., <i>Salem</i> , | | | 2 |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mount Holyoke Seminary and College, <i>South Hadley</i> , | | | 1 |
| Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | | 1 |
| Museum of Fine Arts, <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 | 4 |
| National Prison Association, | | | 1 |
| New Bedford, Free Public Library, | | | 2 |
| New England Engineering Company, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| New England Historic Genealogical Society, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 3 |
| New Hampshire, State Library, | | 2 | |
| New Haven, Free Public Library, | | 1 | 1 |

| GIVERS. | | Books | Pamphlets |
|---|-------------------------|-------|-----------|
| New Jersey, State Library, <i>Trenton, N. J.</i> , | | 2 | |
| New York, State Forest Commission, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 | |
| New York Free Circulating Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 2 |
| Newark, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Newberry Library, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Newburyport, Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Newton Free Library, <i>Newton</i> , | | 1 | 1 |
| Nourse, Henry S., <i>Lancaster</i> , | | | 1 |
| Oates, William C., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Ohio. State Board of Agriculture, | | | 1 |
| Ohio Meteorological Bureau, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> , | | | 2 |
| Oxford, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Paine, Nathaniel, | | | 2 |
| Paterson, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Paul, Kegan, Trench, Trübner & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 2 | 8 |
| Pawtucket, <i>B. I.</i> , School Committee, | | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 5 | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers</i> , | | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i> , | | | 1 |
| Peck, Charles H., | 1 plate | | |
| Pennsylvania Railroad Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 8 |
| Peoria, <i>Ill.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | | | 1 |
| Perley, Miss Mary N., | 23 sheets | | |
| Peters, Edward T., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 folded sheet | | |
| Petersham Memorial Library, | | | 1 |
| Peterson, Ellis, <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| Philadelphia City Institute, | | | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Plymouth, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Pope Manufacturing Co., <i>Boston</i> , | | | 1 |
| Pratt Institute, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Providence, <i>R. I.</i> , City Engineer, | | | 1 |
| City Messenger, | | 1 | 1 |
| Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Purcell, Edith J., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 2 sheets of a newspaper | | |
| Putnam, Davis & Co., | | | 1 |
| Putnam's Sons, G. P., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 | |
| Redwood Library and Athenæum, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Reemelin, Charles, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Reynolds Library, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Risteen, A. D., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Royal Society of Canada, <i>Montreal, Canada</i> , | | 1 | |
| Sadler, Ralph, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Saint Louis Mercantile Library, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Saint Louis Mercantile Library Association, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Salem Public Library, <i>Salem</i> , | | | 20 |
| San Diego Public Library, <i>San Diego, Cal.</i> , | 1 newspaper cutting | | |
| San Francisco, <i>Cal.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Sanborn F. B., <i>Concord</i> , | | | 1 |
| Sawin, James M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Scranton Public Library, <i>Scranton, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Scripture, E. W., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | | 2 |

| GIVERS. | | Books | Pamphlets |
|--|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Sentinel Printing Co., <i>Fitchburg,</i> | 1 newspaper | | 2 |
| Shaffer, J. M., <i>Keokuk,, Iowa,</i> | | | 1 |
| Shaler, Nathaniel S., <i>Cambridge,</i> | | | 1 |
| Smith, Cassius C., <i>Denver, Col.,</i> | | | |
| Smith, John C., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.,</i> | | 1 | |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.,</i> | | 8 | 4 |
| Society to Encourage Studies at Home, <i>Boston,</i> | | | 1 |
| Southbridge, Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Sprague, Henry H., <i>Boston,</i> | | | 1 |
| Springfield, City Library Association, | | | 1 |
| Springfield Improvement Association, <i>Springfield,</i> | | | 1 |
| State University of Iowa, <i>Iowa City, Iowa,</i> | | | 2 |
| Stechert, G. E., <i>New York City,</i> | | 1 | |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.,</i> | | | 1 |
| Stirling's and Glasgow Public Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland,</i> | | | 1 |
| Sturgis, Mrs. Henry P., <i>Beverly,</i> | 1 newspaper | | |
| Sunset Club, The, <i>Chicago, Ill.,</i> | | 1 | |
| Sutton, Mass., Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Swansea, <i>Wales,</i> Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Taunton Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree,</i> | | | 1 |
| Thayer, Eli, | | 1 | |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, <i>Quincy,</i> | | | 2 |
| Thurber, Samuel, <i>Boston,</i> | | 1 | |
| Tokyo Library, <i>Tokyo, Japan,</i> | | | 6 |
| Toledo, <i>Ohio,</i> Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toronto, Canada,</i> | | | 1 |
| Tucker, Mrs. S. D., | | | 2 |
| Tufts College, <i>Medford,</i> | | | 1 |
| Tufts Library, <i>Weymouth,</i> | | | 1 |
| Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, <i>Tuskegee, Ala.,</i> | | | 1 |
| United States, Board on Geographic Names, | | 1 | |
| Bureau of Education, | | 2 | 8 |
| Civil Service Commission, | | | 4 |
| Department of Agriculture, | | | 33 |
| Department of the Interior, | | 123 | 5 |
| Department of Labor, | | 2 | |
| Department of the Navy, | 1 sheet | 2 | |
| Department of State, | | 6 | 47 |
| Department of the Treasury, | | | 1 |
| Department of War, | | 18 | 8 |
| Fish Commission, | | 1 | |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | | 2 | |
| University of California, <i>Berkeley, Cal.,</i> | | | 4 |
| University of California, College of Agriculture, | | | 1 |
| University of Chicago, <i>Chicago, Ill.,</i> | | | 6 |
| University of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.,</i> | 1 folded sheet | 1 | 1 |
| University of Vermont, <i>Burlington, Vt.,</i> | | | 1 |
| University of Virginia, <i>Richmond, Va.,</i> | | | 1 |
| University of the State of New York, <i>Albany, N. Y.,</i> | | | 5 |
| Uxbridge Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Van Siclen, George W., <i>New York City,</i> | | 1 | |
| Veteran, The, Publishers of, | | | 7 |
| Walker, Joseph H., | | 3 | 2 |

| GIVERS. | Books | Pamphlets |
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| Warner, Caleb H., <i>Boston</i> , | 1 | 2 |
| Warren County Library, <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i> , | | 1 |
| Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, | | 1 |
| Webster Public Library, | | 1 |
| Wells, O. E., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 3 |
| Welsh, Herbert, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 2 |
| Wheeler, H. L., <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| Wheeler, Leonard, | 1 | 1 |
| Wilmington Institute, <i>Wilmington, Del.</i> , | | 1 |
| Williamson, W. B., <i>Worcester, Eng.</i> , | 2 framed pictures | 2 |
| Winsor, Justin, <i>Cambridge</i> , | | 1 |
| Wisconsin, State Superintendent, | | 1 |
| Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, <i>Milwaukee, Wis.</i> , | 1 | |
| Wisconsin State Historical Society, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 1 |
| Woburn Public Library, | | 1 |
| Woodward, P. H., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Worcester, City Clerk, | 1 | 3 |
| City Engineer, | maps | 3 |
| City Hospital, | | 1 |
| Mayor, | | 3 |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | 1 |
| Worcester, Associated Charities, | | 1 |
| Worcester Academy, | | 5 |
| Worcester County Horticultural Society, | | 1 |
| Worcester County Mechanics Association, | | 17 |
| Worcester County Musical Association, | 2 | 1 |
| Worcester District Medical Society, | 2 | 9 |
| Worcester Memorial Hospital, | | 1 |
| Worcester Natural History Society, | 2 folded sheets | 1 |
| W P I, Publishers of, | 2 | |
| Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 3 |
| Yale University, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 6 |
| Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> . | | 1 |
| | 854 | 772 |

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors:

The Committee on the Library have attended in course to the duties assigned them by the Rules.

Detailed information as to the volumes purchased and matters of the like sort may be found in the Librarian's report and need not be repeated here.

It is a satisfaction to the Committee to point out the large proportion of works of a practical and scientific nature found in our purchases, as opposed to books classed under fiction or pure literature.

The department of *Æsthetics* has received large and valuable additions in the way of plates, prints, photographs, and illustrated texts; and the Committee feel that special attention should be given (as has been the case thus far) to the making of these known to the people by placing them often in view.

EDW. B. GLASGOW.
WALDO LINCOLN.
E. J. BARDWELL.
BURTON W. POTTER.
CHAS. A. PEABODY.

WORCESTER, December 20, 1892.

R E P O R T
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The Committee on the Reading-Room are pleased to refer to the indications of a marked improvement in the work done by the Library, in this department. The number of regular visitors is constantly increasing, and the opinion from all is one of extreme satisfaction. This is largely due to the commodious rooms, so well lighted, heated, and ventilated, and to the well-recognized disposition on the part of those in charge to meet every reasonable demand. The aim of the Reading-Room is to furnish to the community a public place where the best thought of the day, religious and secular, may be found in the columns of newspapers carefully selected and representing every phase of national, social, and religious opinion. What better means for the diffusion of general education than this which keeps men in touch with one another the world over, and places within the reach of the many what otherwise could be enjoyed but by the few. Another advantage is presented in this, that by it men from different countries, or from sections of our own country, are allowed to keep in constant intercourse with the localities whence they came. Many of these opportunities come to us through the generosity of friends of the Library, who regularly, at their own expense, furnish periodicals and newspapers, by which many tastes are satisfied which, owing to our rules, could be taken only with difficulty or not at all, were we to depend solely upon the public appropriation. That our Reading-Room is appreciated and enjoyed is evidenced by the great increase in attendance, of which records have been kept on the public holidays and Sunday after-

noons, when many, who are at other times busily engaged, find the conveniences of the Library suiting their wants.

We again call the attention of the people to these facts, and we assure those who are strangers to the Reading-Room that by visiting it they will learn something of the Educational power which it exercises in a community as intelligent as ours is. It is open every day in the year, except Sunday, from 8.30 A. M. until 9.30 P. M., and on Sundays from 2 P. M. until 9 P. M.

The list of papers and periodicals has been much the same as last year, changing only as requests have been made for others. There are now 373 papers and periodicals kept on file; of these, 313 are subscribed for, and 60 given by individuals. The thanks of the committee are given to all who have so generously remembered the wants of our readers.

Notwithstanding the increase in newspapers subscribed for, the Committee are pleased to be able to say that they ask for a smaller appropriation than last year. We expect to carry on the Reading-Room for \$50 less. The entire income from the permanent fund is \$4,441.34; the appropriation by the City Council for the last year was \$400. The reduction in expense is due to the watchful care of the Librarian, who seeks to give the best and do it as economically as possible.

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| THOMAS J. CONATY, | } <i>Committee</i> | |
| A. S. PINKERTON, | | <i>on the</i> |
| GEO. C. WHITNEY, | | <i>Reading-Room.</i> |

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Californian illustrated magazine, | Music, |
| Charities review, | New world, |
| Cork examiner, | Psychical review, |
| Nya dagligt allehanda, | Republican magazine, |
| Electrical world, | Springfield union, |
| Harvard graduates' magazine, | University extension. |
| Mentor, | |

PUBLICATIONS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| Academy, | Standard. |
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GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, | Publishers. |
| *American (Phila.), | Publishers. |
| *American amateur photographer, | George E. Francis. |
| American gas light journal, | G. Warren Dresser, Editor. |
| American Catholic news, | Catholic Truth Society. |
| American missionary, | American Missionary Association. |
| American philatelist, | Publishers. |
| Amerika, | B. E. Bergesen. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birkbeck. |
| *British journal of photography, | George E. Francis. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of | |
| Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| C. T. A. news, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Catholic school and home magazine, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Catholic union and times, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Christian leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| *Churchman, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Congressional record, | J. H. Walker. |
| Cosmopolitan, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Denver times, | Publishers. |
| Donahoe's magazine, | Thomas J. Conaty. |
| Drapers' record, | Proprietors. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| Evesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fashions, | Denholm & McKay Co. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| *Food, | W. A. Richardson. |
| Free Russia, | Publishers. |
| Home market bulletin, | Home Market Club. |
| Home missionary, | Publishers. |

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| Hope and home, | John M. Berry. |
| Hospital cottage friend, | Mrs. E. E. Foster. |
| Jewelers' weekly, | Publishers. |
| Journal of American orthoepy, | Publishers. |
| Journal of zoophily, | Mrs. Caroline E. White. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Messenger, | Publishers. |
| Mid-weekly, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary herald, | Publishers. |
| *Musical herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| Norden, | B. E. Bergesen. |
| North-western chronicle, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Official gazette of the U. S. Patent | |
| Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open court, | Publishers. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| Physical education, | Publishers. |
| *Pilot, | Catholic Truth Society. |
| †Practical mechanic, | Editor. |
| Printers' ink, | Anonymous. |
| Public ledger, | George W. Childs. |
| Républicain, Le, | Publishers. |
| Skandinavia, | Publishers. |
| Southern workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Sun, | Publishers. |
| Textile manufacturing world, | Publishers. |
| Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| True witness and Catholic chronicle, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Tuftsionian, | Tufts College. |
| *Union signal, | James A. Norcross. |
| †Unitarian review, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Voice, | Funk & Wagnalls. |
| Volapük, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Watchman, | Publishers. |
| Worcester daily spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester evening gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's crisis, | Publishers. |
| Yarmouth herald, | L. E. Baker, Yarmouth, N. S. |
| Zion's herald, | Anonymous. |

* Discontinued.

† Publication stopped.

REPORT

OF THE

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:—

The Building Committee believes that the buildings under its charge are in good repair and that the heating apparatus is satisfactory.

Some changes will have to be made in two of the rooms, in the arrangement of the gas fixtures, so as to get the maximum of available light from the number of burners used. This matter is treated more fully in the report of the Librarian. As always happens in the case of a new building, considerable sums of money have to be spent for a year or two after its completion in providing necessary things, the introduction of which had to be postponed. In the present case the upper stack was left without shelving when the new building was put up because the expense of putting up the building was so large.

It was thought best to put off the change for a year or two. It will be necessary to spend the present year \$3,182 for unusual work, mainly in the stacks. For particulars, reference is made to the items included by the Finance Committee in its estimates. The estimates for coal, gas, electric light, etc., can be made with much accuracy this year, for we have had 20 months' experience in regard to what expenditures are needed for administration in the new building.

SAMUEL WINSLOW.
EDW. I. COMINS.
GEO. M. WOODWARD.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :—

The Committee submits herewith statements relating to the City appropriation and to expenditure from it, and to the Green Library Fund and the Librarian Fund for the year ending November 30, 1892.

The amount of the City appropriation last year was \$18,500.00 ; the amount received from the Dog License Fund, \$5,971.36 ; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$526.51 ; from unexpended balance of last year, \$41.63 ; total, \$24,839.50.

The expenditures from this amount were \$24,208.26, leaving a balance unexpended of \$131.24.

The amount of the Green Library Fund is now \$45,318.16. One-fourth part of the income, \$547.10, has been added during the year, in accordance with the provisions of the will of Dr. Green.

During the year the Committee has received from James Green, Esq., trustee under the will of Dr. John Green, 80 shares of Central Nat. Bank Stock, which, with accumulations, stand on our books to-day at \$3,221.07, for the establishment of the Librarian Fund, the income of which is to be added to the principal until the fund amounts to \$20,000.00.

All the securities of the Green Library Fund and of the Librarian Fund, in the hands of the City Treasurer, have been examined and found to correspond with the schedules, and the Treasurer's account has been audited and found to be correct. The Committee has also examined and approved the accounts of the Librarian and of the Treasurer of the Reading-Room Fund.

The estimates made by the Committee for the expenses of the coming year are submitted for your consideration.

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| WALDO LINCOLN, | } Finance Committee. |
| EDWIN T. MARBLE, | |
| GEO. C. WHITNEY, | |

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the year ending November 30, 1892.

RESOURCES.

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| Balance from previous year, | \$41 68 |
| City appropriation, | 18,500 00 |
| Dog money, | 5,271 86 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 526 51 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$24,339 50 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$1,010 78 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 244 38 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 189 80 |
| Freight, foreign and domestic, expressage, postage, removing ashes, sprinkling street, and minor running expenses, | 653 26 |
| Covering paper and stationery, | 147 75 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 75 00 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 1,178 83 |
| Coal and wood, | 983 90 |
| Electric light, | 307 44 |
| Gas, | 1,040 85 |
| Water, | 318 80 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 4,448 58 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,458 84 |
| Wages of janitor and janitor's work done by the hour, | 1,323 86 |
| Additional library service, including that of the elevator boy, | 2,741 94 |
| Cataloguing, | 99 70 |
| Insurance, | 80 51 |
| Reading-room, | 400 00 |
| Books, | 5,610 09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$24,208 26 |
| Balance unexpended, | 131 24 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$24,339 50 |

STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1892.

The income for the year ending Nov. 30, 1892, is as follows :

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$964 79 | |
| Dividends on Bank stock, | 348 00 | |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 739 16 | |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 21 61 | |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioners, | 114 81 | |
| | | <u>\$2,188 37</u> |
| Of this income, there has been added to the fund | | |
| one-fourth part, viz., | \$ 547 10 | |
| And to the book account three-fourths, viz., | \$1,641 27 | |
| | | <u>\$2,188 37</u> |

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | Nov. 30, 1891. | Nov. 30, 1892. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$19,350 00 | \$17,950 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 6,800 00 | 6,800 00 |
| Bank stock (additional), par value, | | 1,000 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 18,616 06 | 19,563 16 |
| | <u>\$44,766 06</u> | <u>\$45,313 16</u> |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| Balance, Dec. 1, 1891, | \$2,750 71 | |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,641 27 | |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 46 84 | |
| | | <u>\$4,438 82</u> |
| Total, | | \$4,438 82 |
| Expended for books, etc., during year, | | <u>3,168 13</u> |
| Balance, Nov. 30, 1892, | | \$1,270 69 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1891. | Nov. 30, 1892. |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Investment balances, | \$44,766 06 | \$45,313 16 |
| Book account, balances, | 2,750 71 | 1,270 69 |
| | <u>\$47,516 77</u> | <u>\$46,583 85</u> |

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1892.

The following statement shows the condition of the Investment and Cash Accounts, as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Bank stock, par value, | \$3,000 00 |
| Savings Bank deposit, | 221 07 |
| | <u>\$3,221 07</u> |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

READING-ROOM FUND.

Worcester, Dec. 1, 1892.

E. I. COMINS, Treasurer, in account with the Reading-Room Fund of the Free Public Library:

Dr.

| | | |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| Dec. 1, 1891. | Balance of cash on hand, | \$216 46 |
| Jan. 20, 1892. | Received from City Treasurer, | 400 00 |
| | Interest received from Savings Banks, | 299 34 |
| | Dividends received on Railroad stocks, | 142 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$1,057 80 |

Cr.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Cash paid for periodicals, | \$861 67 |
| “ “ money orders, postage, and stationery, | 65 |
| | <hr/> \$862 32 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer, | 195 48 |
| | <hr/> \$1,057 80 |

The Reading-Room Funds are invested as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Deposited in Savings Banks, | \$7,380 94 |
| Eleven shares Nor. & Wor. R. R. stock, | 2,000 00 |
| Seven shares B. & A. R. R. stock, | 1,475 50 |
| | <hr/> \$10,856 44 |

E. I. COMINS,
Treasurer.

Examined and approved,

WALDO LINCOLN, } *Finance*
EDWIN T. MARBLE, } *Committee.*



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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

1892-3.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE
CITY OF WORCESTER
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1893.

Worcester, Mass. :
PRESS OF F. S. BLANCHARD & CO.,
154 FRONT STREET.
1894.

DIRECTORS IN 1894.

| | | TERM EXPIRES. |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| EDWARD I. COMINS, | WALDO LINCOLN, | Dec. 31, 1894. |
| SAMUEL WINSLOW, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL, | " 1895. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | GEORGE M. WOODWARD, | " 1896. |
| GEORGE C. WHITNEY, | CHARLES A. PEABODY, | " 1897. |
| FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON, | ALMON GUNNISON, | " 1898. |
| EDMUND L. PARKER, | JOHN O. MARBLE, | " 1899. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.

WALDO LINCOLN.

SECRETARY.

TREASURER.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

EDWARD I. COMINS, EVERETT J. BARDWELL,
CHARLES A. PEABODY, ALMON GUNNISON, JOHN O. MARBLE.

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

THOMAS J. CONATY, GEORGE C. WHITNEY,
EDMUND L. PARKER.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.

SAMUEL WINSLOW, EDWARD I. COMINS,
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

WALDO LINCOLN, GEORGE C. WHITNEY,
GEORGE M. WOODWARD.

LIBRARIAN.

SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

LUCY A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS,
SARAH D. TUCKER, HATTIE J. CHILDS,
AROLYN L. JOHNSON.

WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*To the Honorable Henry A. Marsh, Mayor,
And the City Council of the City of Worcester;*

The directors of the Free Public Library have the honor to submit their thirty-fourth annual report.

We also submit herewith the report of the librarian and that of the treasurer of the reading-room fund, together with the reports of the several standing committees of the board.

The reports of the finance committee and the treasurer of the reading-room fund show in detail the receipts and expenditures during the past year, and the estimates for the anticipated expenses of the coming year.

The librarian's report, with the tables appended thereto, exhibit fully the growth, work and necessities of the library and need not be repeated here.

It may seem trite for us to remark that our Public Library and the reading-rooms connected therewith, are among the best agencies within our reach to educate the people at large and to help the students in our public schools and the institutions of learning in our midst; but we beg leave to call your attention to this self-evident truth and to suggest that by a little wise management, and the annual outlay of a small sum of money, they might be made educators of scholars and the masses to a greater extent than at present by making them adjuncts to every public school and bringing their privileges nearer to the homes of the people.

It has long been an admitted political axiom that each child in the state has a just claim upon it for an average public school education; and it may be claimed with equal propriety that the state owes each of its citizens a chance to know its historic life,

the merits of all living questions of the day, and the accumulated wisdom of the ages, so far as the same may be learned in a good public library and reading-room.

You will observe that at the end of the estimates of expenses for the ensuing year, there is an estimated expense of \$1,500 for the establishment and maintenance of eight suburban delivery stations for one year, in case you should decide to make an appropriation for this purpose in accordance with the plan heretofore recommended by this board.

We consider it not only just to give the inhabitants of the outlying districts of the city easier access to the advantages of the library, but that a wise public policy demands it also, for certainly the suburban citizen needs the education requisite for good citizenship as much as the dweller near the heart of the city.

Formerly it was considered the chief duty of librarians to stand guard over books in their charge and to keep people from reading them as much as possible, and to deliver them over to their successors as little worn by use as they could. Now librarians have a different notion of their trust and are in the habit of aiding the young and inexperienced, as well as students and historians, to find the books which they are most in need of. All good librarians now act upon the principle that a book, like money, performs its functions best when kept in use, and they aim to make the libraries in their keeping adjuncts to schools and educators of the people. We are proud that our faithful and capable librarian has taken such a notable part in bringing about this reform in library management, and we should like to have his opportunities for helpfulness in this regard broadened and multiplied till every resident of the city has the advantages of the library brought within easy reach of his door. Worcester is fast ceasing to be a provincial city, and it is time for it to begin to practice the metropolitan way of having library delivery stations and reading-rooms, like its school-houses, in different sections of the city.

You will notice in the librarian's report for this, and former years, that the reference books in the library are consulted, and the reading-rooms frequented more and more each year; and if there was a room in every school-house away from the centre of

the city used for a reading-room, the keeping of standard reference books and the delivery of library books, it would undoubtedly be well patronized and be the means of a larger diffusion of intelligence and the good influences of the public library.

We know that the public expenditure of the city seems to be increasing faster than its wealth, that the times are hard, and that the burdens of taxation are already as great as our taxpayers are able to bear; yet, in our opinion, it would be unwise to abridge the opportunities of our people to acquire knowledge, as any necessary curtailment of expenditure had better be made in some other direction.

On behalf, and by the vote of the directors,

BURTON W. POTTER,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Burton W. Potter, Esq., President of the Board of Directors:

Following is the thirty-fourth annual report of the librarian; it is the twenty-third which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, the accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms and library on Sundays and holidays; and record such other facts in our history, the past year, as it is the custom to call attention to.

The year has been a busy one, and the most noticeable feature in the record of its doings is the large increase in the use of different parts of the library.

The use of books was 206,044 volumes, divided as follows: Circulating department, for use at home, 133,614; reference use (on all days excepting Sundays and holidays), 70,753; Sunday reference use, 1,231; reference use on holidays, 446.

The increase in the use of the circulating department was 7,205 volumes.

Six thousand nine hundred and forty-three more volumes were used for purposes of reference than in the preceding year.

There has also been a very much larger attendance of readers in the two reading-rooms for magazines, reviews, etc., and in the lower reading-room, which is occupied by newspapers.

The increase in the use of the library and reading-rooms has been especially apparent during the last three months, thus duplicating the experience which we have had previously in times of business depression.

It is gratifying to know that the enforced leisure of a considerable portion of our residents is used largely in reading, and, it may be remarked incidentally, that as the library is severely taxed in its resources in such times as the present, to meet the reasonable requirements of citizens, it will have to ask for generous consideration at the hands of the city government. This, it has no doubt, it will receive.

There is a portion of the reference library which has not been removed from the old building into the fire-proof stack in the new building.

An item has been put into the estimates to cover the cost of shelving and iron floors, which will be needed in furnishing the upper stack-room before the remainder of the books can be placed in it.

The gas fixtures in the magazine reading-room and in the ladies' reading-room have been much improved during the year, and those rooms seem now to be lighted very satisfactorily.

A change, at slight expense, is contemplated in the burners and shades of the Green Library room lighting fixtures, and it is proposed to add a few burners and electric lights to those already in the reading-room for newspapers. It is believed that the change and additions, if made, will add greatly to the enjoyment of students and readers.

The library had on its shelves December 1, 1893, 92,911 volumes, divided as follows: Green Library, 23,619; intermediate department, 26,425; circulating department, 42,867. The number of papers and periodicals taken here is 407. The number of volumes added to the library during the year has been 3,642.

The ladies' reading-room, the opening of which was noted last year, has proved very popular. We have placed in it, besides the newspapers described in the last report, papers and magazines relating to needlework, fashions and other matters which particularly interest ladies in moments of relief from serious occupations.

Five exhibitions of pictures belonging to the library have been held during the year. Three of these have been in the upper story of the library building and two in the lecture hall.

The first of the former continued from December 1-14, 1892, and consisted of a magnificent work issued by the imperial government of Russia entitled, "Antiquities of the Russian Empire." It comprises ecclesiastical and imperial articles and robes, military and civil equipments, costumes and portraits, household utensils and specimens of ancient architecture. That exhibition, open twelve secular days, was visited by 430 persons, or an average of thirty-six a day.

The second exhibition in the upper story was given March 7-25, 1893, and consisted of about 300 engravings and colored plates illustrating Arabian art as seen in Cairo. These are from the beautiful work of Prisse D'Avennes. Four hundred and fifty-eight persons visited it, or twenty-seven a day on the average.

The third exhibition in the upper story embraced the 300 or more phototypes in the great work of Heinrich Brunn, arranged to give a pictorial history of Greek and Roman sculpture in chronological order. It took place October 23-November 18. Eight hundred and twenty-two persons visited it in the twenty-four secular days that it was open, or, on an average, thirty-four a day.

The first exhibition in the lecture hall was almost a repetition of one given the previous year.

By request, we put on our walls again, for the benefit of boys and girls in the grammar schools who had been studying American history, collections of etchings and photographs illustrative of the civil war in this country. The only new feature was a collection of twenty-nine Confederate war etchings. Three hundred and forty-five persons, or twenty-five a day, visited this exhibition.

The other exhibition in the lecture hall was given principally for the benefit of members of the two high schools who had recently been studying some of the plays of Shakespeare. The plates of J. E. Williams' "Homes and Haunts of Shakespeare," a work intended to show the objects and scenes upon which the great dramatist's eyes rested as his genius was developing, were placed on the walls, as were also those illustrating scenes in the plays of Shakespeare executed by Felix O. C. Darley. Facsimiles of quartos and the first folio and books illustrative of

costumes, the interior and exterior of buildings in Shakespeare's time, and other books containing pertinent pictorial matter, were placed on tables and the teachers and pupils invited to make use of the material which had been brought together. The exhibition proved very interesting and profitable. After being used by the teachers and scholars it was thrown open to the public. It was open from June 1-24 and was visited by 323 persons, or an average of fifteen a day.

The exhibitions in the upper story were open week days from 3 to 6 o'clock P. M., and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock ; those in the lecture hall from 4 to 6 o'clock P. M., and Saturdays from 7 to 9 o'clock P. M.

In taking the count of persons who visited the exhibitions, it must be borne in mind that record was kept only of persons who made a somewhat prolonged, and what seemed to be a profitable, examination of the pictures.

During the month of April the library allowed the Worcester Art Society to give an exhibition in the art galleries, in the upper story, of specimens of rare and valuable china, pottery and bric-a-brac. This proved a great success. The society brought together a large collection of various kinds of ceramic ware made up of really valuable, and in many cases costly, articles, and arranged the exhibition in a most instructive manner. It also gave prizes to local decorators of porcelain. The Art Society enjoyed the exhibition by itself for a single evening, after which it was thrown open to the public for a month. The society spent several hundred dollars in getting up the exhibition, and the public is greatly indebted to its members for that expenditure and for the intelligent work which they gratuitously performed.

The library in some of its own exhibitions has also been much indebted to members of the Art Society.

Particular mention should be made of the services of Mr. John Green Heywood, Mrs. Charles H. Davis and Rev. Austin S. Garver.

Once in five years it is the plan of the library to issue a supplement to the printed catalogue of the circulating department, until the number of alphabets becomes so large as to make it necessary to unite the main work and its continuations. The

time has come to prepare for the publication of a second supplement. It will be necessary to expend \$700 the present year in order to get ready for printing, the purpose being to print next year a supplement containing all books added up to January 1, 1895. Printed catalogues, promptly issued, add largely to the value and educational influence of a popular library.

Since last summer new books, as bought, have been placed on shelves outside of the counter in the circulating department and users of the library have been allowed freely to handle and examine them. It is the belief of the officers of the library that solid reading is much promoted by thus displaying additions to the library. It becomes obvious to users that many books of educational value are interesting, and, seeing that they are so, and becoming pleased with them while dipping into them, they ask to take them out in greater numbers than they would if such books were not called particularly to their attention.

A list of the persons and institutions to which we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report. We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us. Especial gratitude is due to the libraries of Harvard University, Columbia College and the United States Surgeon General's office, and to the Boston Athenæum, for their kindness in the past, as in previous years, in lending us many books for the use of citizens of Worcester. Numerous other institutions have been equally kind to us, but we have not had to avail ourselves of their kindness so often as in case of the institutions particularly mentioned.

Following is my account of money collected for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the finance committee appended. These signatures were added after the account had been examined by the committee:

CITY OF WORCESTER,
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Dec. 15, 1893. }

We have examined the librarian's account from December 1, 1892, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands December 1, 1892, | \$298 98 |
| Received for fines, | 502 93 |
| Received from sale of copies of the printed catalogues and lists of additions, | 59 38 |

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| Received for books injured or lost, | \$10 52 | |
| Received from deposits, | 10 00 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 4 68 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$886 49 |
| Deposits returned, | \$14 25 | |
| Paid W. S. Barton, Esq., city treasurer, | 557 79 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$572 04 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands December 1, 1893, | \$314 45 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$886 49 |

WALDO LINCOLN,
GEO. C. WHITNEY,
GEO. M. WOODWARD,
Members of the Finance Committee.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------|
| Balance from previous year, | \$131 24 | |
| Municipal appropriation, | 20,500 00 | |
| Income from invested funds : | | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,692 86 | |
| Reading-room fund, | 440 69 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$2,133 55 | |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 5,219 78 | |
| " " fines, | 502 83 | |
| " " sale of catalogues, | 59 38 | |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 10 52 | |
| Sundries, | 4 68 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$28,562 08 | |
| Cash on hand at last report : | | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,270 69 | |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 298 98 | |
| Reading-room fund, | 195 48 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$1,765 15 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$30,327 23 | |

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EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books :

| | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Green Library fund, | \$2,155 46 | |
| City appropriation, | 7,793 80 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$9,949 26 |

Periodicals :

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|------------|
| Green Library fund, | \$2 00 | |
| City appropriation, | 745 85 | |
| Reading-room fund, | 635 57 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,383 42 |
| Binding, | | 994 08 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|----------|
| Repairs and additions, } | | |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | | \$837 94 |
| Insurance, | | 208 20 |
| Fuel, | | 1,133 58 |
| Lights, | | 1,424 52 |

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitors), | \$8,453 30 |
| Cataloguing, | 750 00 |
| Extra service, | 2,694 13 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$147 17 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 202 72 |
| Postage, | 157 54 |
| Sundries : | |
| Water for elevators, etc., | \$302 72 |
| Printing Annual Report, | 58 29 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, | |
| minor running expenses, etc., | 449 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$810 19 |

Cash on hand, December 1, 1893:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Green Library fund, | \$806 09 | |
| Reading-room fund, | | |
| Money received from fines, | | |
| Sale of catalogues, etc., | 314 45 | |
| Balance of city appropriation, | 60 64 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,181 18 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$3,327 23 |

ACCESSIONS.

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Increase of volumes by purchase: | | |
| Green Library, | 255 | |
| Intermediate department, | 1,191 | |
| Circulating department, | 1,711 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,157 |
| Increase of volumes by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 301 | |
| Circulating department, | 41 | |
| | <hr/> | 342 |
| Increase by binding periodicals : | | |
| Green Library, | 5 | |
| Intermediate department, | 353 | |
| Circulating department, | 38 | |
| | <hr/> | 396 |
| Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library : | | |
| Intermediate department, | | 1 |
| Number of missing volumes restored since last report : | | |
| Circulating department, | | 2 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 3,898 |
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 4 | |
| Circulating department, | 220 | |
| | <hr/> | 224 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | |
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Intermediate department, | 18 | |
| Circulating department, | 12 | |
| | <hr/> | 31 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 255 |
| Net increase for the year, | | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 3,643 |
| Number of volumes in the library, as last reported: | | |
| Green Library, | 23,360 | |
| Intermediate department, | 24,601 | |
| Circulating department, | 41,307 | |
| | <hr/> | 89,268 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 92,911 |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 63 | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 605 | |
| | <hr/> | 668 |

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|---|-----|-----|
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and city funds, | 136 | |
| Number of newspapers given to the reading-room, | 57 | |
| | — | 193 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and city funds, | 196 | |
| Green Library fund, | 1 | |
| Number of magazines given to the reading-room, | 17 | |
| | — | 214 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Number of days the circulating department was open, | 305 |
| Number of days the reference department was open, | 365 |
| Number of days the lower reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 133,614 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | 70,753 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), | 670 |
| Circulating department, 438 ; reference department, 232. | |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), February 11, | 1,412 |
| (Largest in circulating department, March 11, 1,034 ; in reference department, January 25, 463) | |
| Smallest daily use (home and reference), June 6, | 251 |
| (Smallest in circulating department, June 6, 200 ; in reference department, June 30 and August 17, 31) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 7 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for: | |
| Circulating department, | 4 |
| Number of books worn out and withdrawn, | 216 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 7,439 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 1,820 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 2,348 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made November 1, 1889), | 15,245 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
|--|--------|
| The reading-rooms are open from 2 o'clock to 9 o'clock P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 3,082 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 9,342 |
| | — |
| Total number of persons, | 12,424 |

* Of this number, 12,006 shows the use of volumes and portfolios of pictures in the art exhibitions.

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| Average number of persons, | 239 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, October 29, | 401 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 2, | 125 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,231 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 24 |

HOLIDAYS.

The upper reading-room is open from 9 o'clock A. M. to 9½ P. M.

The lower from 8 A. M. to 9½ P. M.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 660 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 1,362 |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Total, | 2,022 |
| Average number of persons, | 253 |
| Largest attendance, December 26, | 363 |
| Smallest attendance, July 4, . | 103 |
| Number of volumes used for reference, | 446 |
| Average number of volumes used, | 56 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| GIVERS. | Books. | Pamphlets. |
|--|--------|------------|
| Adams, Charles F., <i>Boston</i> , | | 1 |
| Adams, Charles K., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 3 |
| Aguilar Free Library Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | 2 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | | 2 |
| American Historical Association, | | 1 |
| American Home Missionary Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| American Library Association, | | 4 |
| American Missionary Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 5 |
| American Society of Mechanical Engineers, | 1 | |
| American Unitarian Association, | | 3 |
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:

The committee on the reading-room find this department of the library doing its work to the evident satisfaction of its many patrons. The depression in business gives plenty of spare time to many of our working people, and it is encouraging to know that many hours are spent by them in the reading-room poring over the daily and weekly papers, and thus improving their idle moments. The comfortable quarters afforded them give them a shelter from inclemency, while a general education is quietly infusing its benefit into their social life. Again, we notice that our cosmopolitan population find a cosmopolitan press, which thus brings to them from their distant home countries the happenings of the year. All this must make our people feel that the library, through the generosity of our city, or by the private munificence of individuals, is considerate for their intellectual and social wants. It is well for us to emphasize the fact that as the rules of the library limit the purchase of periodicals within certain well-defined lines, much of the enjoyment of the reading-room is due to citizens who, at their expense, furnish newspapers and periodicals representative of their nationality or religious belief. During the past year fifty-seven newspapers and seventeen magazines have been furnished to the reading-room, while the public fund has regularly provided for 136 newspapers and 197 magazines.

The reading-room is open every day in the year, except Sunday, from 8:30 A. M. until 9:30 P. M., and on Sundays from 2 P. M. until 9 P. M. The subjoined list will show the additions and discontinuances of periodicals during the year. There are

now on our files 407 papers and periodicals, an increase of thirty-four over the preceding year, twenty of which have been subscribed for from the library fund, and fourteen donated by individuals.

The entire income from the permanent fund is \$440.69; the appropriation by the City Council for the last year was \$359.04. The committee ask for an appropriation of \$1,000 for this year for reasons which have been given to the committee on finance and which have met with their approval.

THOMAS J. CONATY,
GEO. C. WHITNEY,
ALFRED S. PINKERTON.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

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| American journal of politics. | Foundry. |
| American meteorological journal. | Journal of political economy. |
| Astronomy and astro-physics. | Monist. |
| Biblia. | Rudder, sail and paddle. |
| Church quarterly review. | Truth. |
| Club, The. | Virginia magazine. |

PUBLICATIONS DISCONTINUED DURING THE YEAR.

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| American bookseller. | Republican magazine. |
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GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

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| American, | Publishers. |
| American citizen, | American Patriotic Association. |
| American gas-light journal, | G. Warren Dresser, editor. |
| American Catholic news, | Catholic Truth Society. |
| American missionary, | American Missionary Associat'n. |
| *American philatelist, | Publishers. |
| Amerika, | Rev. B. E. Bergesen. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| C. T. A. news, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Catholic school and home magazine, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Catholic union and times, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Christian, | Herbert E. Buxton. |
| Christian leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Congressional record, | J. H. Walker. |
| Converted Catholic, | Mrs. M. S. Dennie. |
| *Donahoe's magazine, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Draper's record, | Proprietors. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| L'Espérance, | Publishers. |
| Evesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fashions, | Denholm, McKay Co. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Publishing Co. |
| Free Russia, | Publishers. |
| Home market bulletin, | Home Market Club. |
| Home missionary, | Publishers. |
| Hope and home, | John M. Berry. |
| Insurance critic, | Publishers. |

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| *Jewelers' weekly, | Publishers. |
| Journal of zoophily, | Mrs. Caroline E. White. |
| Kosmopolitan, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Messenger, | Publishers. |
| Mid-weekly, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| New York observer, | P. Emory Aldrich. |
| Norden, | Rev. B. E. Bergesen. |
| Northwest magazine, | Publishers. |
| Northwestern chronicle, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Oasis, | Lieut. R. B. Bryan. |
| Official gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open court, | Publishers. |
| L'opinion publique, | Publishers. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| Our prison light, | Anonymous. |
| Physical education, | Publishers. |
| Positivist review, | Edward S. Beesley. |
| Printers' ink, | Anonymous. |
| Proportional representation review, | Samuel S. Green. |
| Public ledger, | George W. Child. |
| St. Andrew's cross, | Chapter 67, Brotherhood of St. Andrew. |
| Skandinavia, | Publishers. |
| Southern workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| *Sun (Colorado), | Publishers. |
| Textile manufacturing world, | Publishers. |
| †Travailleur, | Publishers. |
| True witness and Catholic chronicle, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Tuftonian, | Tufts College. |
| Unity, | Samuel S. Green. |
| *Volapük, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Volaspodel, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Weekly Tulare register, | Anonymous. |
| Worcester daily spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester evening gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's crisis, | Publishers. |
| Yarmouth herald, | Hon. L. E. Baker. |
| Zion's herald, | Anonymous. |

*Discontinued. †Publication stopped.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:

The committee has done little the past year, except to see that the library buildings have been kept in repair. One hundred and fifty dollars has been spent in putting in order the chimneys on the old building and \$154 in repairing the elevator in the circulating department of the library. A considerable amount has been spent in shelving and other carpenter work, and smaller sums have been consumed in improving the heating and lighting apparatus.

The connection of the boilers in the new building with some of the radiators in the old building is not quite satisfactory yet, and efforts should be made to remedy the difficulty the coming summer. The tin roofing of the old building will have to be renewed and other ordinary repairs made. Estimates have been made for doing the necessary work, imperatively needed, which will be presented to the city government.

It is hoped that the city government will see its way clear to grant the extra appropriation needed for shelving the upper stack, as it is important that the books belonging to the reference library not now in the stack, should be placed there. That library is very valuable and all of it should be kept in the fire-proof box prepared for it. An indication of the comparative safety of the library in the new and old buildings may be found in the higher rates of insurance which will be required on the reference library, if a portion of it continues to be kept in the old building.

The usual estimates have been made of amounts which will be needed for coal, gas, electric lights, etc.

SAMUEL WINSLOW,
E. I. COMINS,
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library :

The committee herewith submits statements relating to the city appropriation and to expenditures therefrom, and to the Green Library and librarian funds, for the year ending November 30, 1893.

The amount of the city appropriation last year was \$20,500 ; the amount received from the Dog License fund, \$5,219.78 ; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$557.79 ; balance of last year, \$131.24 ; total, \$26,408.81.

The expenditures were \$26,348.17, leaving a balance unexpended of \$60.64.

The amount of the Green Library fund is now \$45,870.14. One-fourth part of the income, \$556.98, has been added to it during the year in accordance with the provisions of the will of Dr. Green.

The amount of the librarian fund, the income of which is to be added to the principal until the fund amounts to \$20,000, is now \$3,409.92.

All the securities of the Green Library and librarian funds, in the hands of the city treasurer, have been examined and found to correspond with the schedules, and the treasurer's account has been audited and found to be correct. The committee has also examined and approved the accounts of the librarian and of the treasurer of the reading-room fund.

The estimates of the committee for the expenses of the coming year are herewith submitted.

WALDO LINCOLN,
GEO. C. WHITNEY,
GEO. M. WOODWARD,

Finance Committee.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending November 30, 1893.

RESOURCES.

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| Balance from previous year, | \$131 24 |
| City appropriation, | 20,500 00 |
| Dog money, | 5,219 78 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 557 79 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$26,408 81 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Binding, | \$994 08 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 147 17 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 139 52 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, postage, removing ashes, sprinkling street, and minor running expenses, | 511 87 |
| Covering paper and stationery, | 92 24 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 90 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 29 25 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 837 94 |
| Coal and wood, | 1,133 58 |
| Electric light, | 310 80 |
| Gas, | 1,113 72 |
| Water, | 302 72 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 4,445 80 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,500 00 |
| Wages of janitor and janitor's work done by the hour, | 1,257 50 |
| Additional library service, including that of the ele- vator boy, | 2,546 86 |
| Cataloguing, | 147 27 |
| Insurance, | 208 20 |
| Reading-room, | 359 04 |
| Books, | 8,180 61 |
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| Balance unexpended, | \$26,348 17 |
| | 60 64 |
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| | \$26,408 81 |

STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1893.

The income for the year ending Nov. 30, 1893, is as follows:

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| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$898 79 | |
| Dividends on bank stock, | 433 00 | |
| Dividends on savings bank deposits, | 767 32 | |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 10 22 | |
| Bank tax, refunded by commissioner, | 118 60 | |
| | | <u>\$2,227 93</u> |

Of this income, there has been added to the fund
one-fourth part, viz.,

\$556 98

And to the book account three-fourths, viz.,

1,670 95

\$2,227 93

The following statements show the condition of
the investment and book accounts as verified
by the books and securities in the hands of
the city treasurer :

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | Nov. 30, 1892. | Nov. 30, 1893. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Notes secured by mortgages, | \$17,950 00 | \$18,800 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,800 00 | 7,800 00 |
| Savings bank deposits, | 19,563 16 | 19,270 14 |
| | <u>\$45,313 16</u> | <u>\$45,870 14</u> |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ.:

| | | |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| Balance Dec. 1, 1892, | \$1,270 69 | |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,670 95 | |
| Interest on bank deposits, | 21 91 | |
| Total, | | <u>\$2,963 55</u> |
| Expended for books, etc., during year, | | 2,157 46 |
| Balance Nov. 30, 1893, | | <u>\$806 09</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1892. | Nov. 30, 1893. |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Investment balances, | \$45,313 16 | \$45,870 14 |
| Book account balances, | 1,270 69 | 806 09 |
| | <u>\$46,583 85</u> | <u>\$46,676 23</u> |

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1893.

The following statement shows the condition of
the investment and cash accounts as verified
by the books, and securities in the hands of
the city treasurer :

Bank stock, par value,
Savings bank deposit,

\$3,000 00

409 92

\$3,409 92

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE READING-ROOM FUND.

WORCESTER, Dec. 1, 1893.

E. I. COMINS, Treasurer, in account with Reading-room Fund of the
Free Public Library:

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| Cash on hand, Dec. 1, 1892, | \$195 48 |
| Received from city treasurer, | 359 04 |
| Dividends on Boston & Albany R. R. stock, | 56 00 |
| Dividends on Norwich & Worcester R. R. stock, | 88 00 |
| Interest from savings banks, | 296 69 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$995 21 |

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| Cash paid for periodicals, | \$994 61 |
| Cash paid for money orders and postage, | 60 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$995 21 |

The Reading-room Fund is invested as follows :

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| Deposited in savings banks, | \$7,380 94 |
| Eleven shares Norwich & Worcester R. R. stock, | 2,000 00 |
| Seven shares Boston & Albany R. R. stock, | 1,475 50 |
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| | \$10,856 44 |

E. I. COMINS, Treasurer.

Examined and approved.

WALDO LINCOLN,
GEO. C. WHITNEY,
GEO. M. WOODWARD,

Finance Committee.



FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

1893—4.



THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

WORCESTER, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1894.

WORCESTER:
PRINTED BY CHARLES HAMILTON,
311 MAIN STREET.
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DIRECTORS IN 1895.

| | TERM EXPIRES. |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| LYMAN A. ELY, | EVERETT J. BARDWELL, Dec. 31, 1895. |
| THOMAS J. CONATY, | GEORGE M. WOODWARD, " 1896. |
| GEORGE C. WHITNEY, | CHARLES A. PEABODY, " 1897. |
| FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON, | ALMON GUNNISON, " 1898. |
| EDMUND L. PARKER, | JOHN O. MARBLE, " 1899. |
| G. STANLEY HALL, | WEBSTER THAYER, " 1900. |

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT. SECRETARY. TREASURER.
ALMON GUNNISON. CHARLES A. PEABODY. EDMUND L. PARKER.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.
EVERETT J. BARDWELL, CHARLES A. PEABODY,
JOHN O. MARBLE, GEORGE M. WOODWARD, G. STANLEY HALL.

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.
THOMAS J. CONATY, GEORGE C. WHITNEY,
EDMUND L. PARKER.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUILDING.
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON, LYMAN A. ELY,
WEBSTER THAYER.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
GEORGE C. WHITNEY, GEORGE M. WOODWARD,
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON.

LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL S. GREEN.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.
LUCY A. YOUNG, JESSIE E. TYLER, ELLEN L. OTIS
SARAH D. TUCKER, HATTIE J. CHILDS,
AROLYN L. JOHNSON.

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WORCESTER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Hon. Henry A. Marsh, Mayor, and to the City Council of Worcester:—

The Directors of the Free Public Library submit the thirty-fifth annual report.

At the annual meeting in January, 1894, the Board organized by the choice of Waldo Lincoln, President; Charles A. Peabody, Clerk; E. I. Comins, Treasurer of the Reading-room Fund; and Waldo Lincoln, George C. Whitney and George M. Woodward, Committee on Finance.

The following committees were appointed in accordance with a vote of the Board:—

Committee on Reading-room, Thomas J. Conaty, George C. Whitney and Edmund L. Parker.

Committee on the Library, E. I. Comins, Everett J. Bardwell, Chas. A. Peabody, Almon Gunnison and John O. Marble.

Committee on the Building, Samuel Winslow, E. I. Comins and Francis A. Harrington.

A few months later, Mr. Lincoln, having arranged for a trip abroad, resigned his offices as President and Member of the Finance Committee, and Messrs. Comins and Harrington were respectively elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. Parker was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Comins, as Treasurer of the Reading-room Fund, and Mr. Woodward was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Library Committee.

The work accomplished by the Library has never been more successful than during the past year.

We refer you to the reports of the Librarian and the various committees for a detailed account of what it has accomplished, its present condition, its buildings and its finances.

More than fifty years ago, Horace Mann, in speaking of public libraries, said: "The poor as well as the rich may drink at this abundant river, whose waters will purify, elevate and dignify the human character."

He hardly dreamed of the abundance as seen in our Public Library of to-day. Surely the highest aspirations of one of Massachusetts' noblest sons are more than realized through the munificence of Dr. John Green and the Worcester Lyceum and Library Association, and the continued liberality of a generous public.

It is now thirty-five years since the Library was established, and during that period it has had but two librarians. Zephaniah Baker was first elected, and he held the position for eleven years. He was a man of extensive acquaintance with books, a warm, personal friend of Dr. Green, and he filled the office with credit to himself, and in the interest of the public. The writer of this remembers, with gratitude, words of encouragement and acts of kindness from Mr. Baker, when kind words and kind acts were of especial value to him. Within the past year he has passed on, but the good he accomplished remains to testify to his many excellent qualities.

During the year, also, we have lost by death, one of our own number, Hon. Samuel Winslow, and while it is in sadness we make the record, we cheerfully bear testimony to his uniform courtesy, genial manners, and sound business qualifications.

In accordance with views expressed in previous reports of this Board, we believe that, at a comparatively small additional expense, the benefits of the circulating department of the Library can be largely increased in the suburban districts by establishing delivery stations. Good books exert a power for good, and can money be better expended than by placing them within easy reach of *all* our citizens?

In closing this report we bear witness with great pleasure to the intelligence and zeal with which the affairs of the Library are managed by our Librarian, and the uniform courtesy and kindness with which the public are served by him and his assistants.

We are proud of this institution, and the eminence it has attained. We trust it will continue to receive the intelligent and generous support that has enabled it to reach the position it now holds in our own city, and among similar institutions in the country.

In behalf of the Directors.

E. I. COMINS,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To Mr. Edward I. Comins, President of the Board of Directors:—

Following is the thirty-fifth annual report of the librarian; it is the twenty-fourth which I have prepared.

The tables which usually form a part of this report will be found at its close. They show the receipts and expenditures of the library, the accessions, the number of volumes used by readers and students, and the extent of the use of the reading-rooms and library on Sundays and holidays; and record such other facts regarding the past year, as it is the custom to call attention to.

The library for purposes of reference and the reading-rooms have been open every day in the year, that is to say, on Sundays and holidays as well as on the other days of the year.

This library was the first public library in any of the large towns of New England to open its doors on Sunday for purposes of reference and reading. That plan long since ceased to be an experiment and from the beginning has given satisfaction to the users of the library and the serious portion of the community. Our example was followed immediately by the Public Library in Boston and the plan has been very generally adopted throughout the country.

The plan adopted by us more recently of opening the reading-rooms and the library for readers and students on holidays has added much to the usefulness of the institution and the enjoyment and improvement of residents.

The library has grown rapidly of late years and now contains nearly 100,000 volumes.

The exact number of volumes on our shelves December 1, 1894, is 98,225, divided as follows among the different departments: Green library 23,820, Intermediate department 28,848, Circulating department 45,557. By the middle of the current year the whole number of volumes in the library is likely to be 100,000.

No duplicates are included in the enumeration excepting those in actual use and the library consists of a collection of books recently made and carefully selected with regard to existing needs.

The number of papers and periodicals taken here is 425 as against 407, the number reported a year ago. The number of volumes added to the library during the past year is 5,314. Of these 201 volumes were placed in the Green Library, 2,423 in the Intermediate department and 2,690 in the Circulating department. The number of volumes added the year before is 3,643.

The increase in the number of volumes added is marked and has been amply justified by the consequent growth in the usefulness of the library.

In fact, the most striking feature in the history of the library during the year now being reported on has been its growth in usefulness to all portions of the community.

Carefully kept records show that 247,453 volumes were used last year in the different departments.

When it is considered that the library is very conservative in regard to the character of books placed in the library and that it has mainly at heart its functions as an educator this exhibit is remarkable. Popular education is our watchword and we never have done more in the way of education than during the past year.

We regard books which stimulate the feelings and the imagination in a wholesome way as educational as well as those which strengthen the intellect and give knowledge, and consider it an important part of our duties to pay particular attention to the

character of novels and stories added to the Circulating department. This does not mean, of course, that we do not buy many stories and novels but that we scrutinize carefully the purchases made for general circulation and, while we afford amusement, aim to make it of a kind that elevates as well as affords recreation.

The plan which we have of letting users of the library rummage freely among new books bought for the Circulating department does very much to excite interest in good books which would pass unnoticed unless called in this way to the attention of readers.

The increase in the use of the different departments of the library the past year has been 41,409 volumes or nearly twenty per centum. We have given out in the circulating department 158,812 as against 133,614 in the previous year, in the reference department 86,012 volumes as against 70,753, on Sundays 1,919 as against 1,231 and on holidays 710 as against 446.

The number given as reference use refers, of course, to that on all days excepting Sundays and holidays, the use on those days being reported separately. It may be well to call your attention to the fact that the 86,012 volumes used in the reference department were exclusively books used by persons making investigations. The ages of the inquirers ranged from those of children in the grammar schools to the oldest persons in the community and their capacities and acquirements varied from those of the children mentioned to the abilities and accomplishments of the officers and students of Clark University and the Polytechnic Institute.

The increase in the use of books in the circulating department has been 25,198 volumes, in the reference department (exclusive of the Sunday and holiday use) 15,259, Sundays 688 and holidays 264.

It is worthy of notice that during the months of October and November greatly increased numbers of books were taken out by teachers for themselves and scholars than during the corresponding months of recent years. That large use continues and indicates that with the beginning of the present school year

the purpose was formed of having the teachers make a large use of the facilities offered by the library in giving instruction in the schools and in guiding the reading of children. There has for a great many years been a very considerable use of library books by teachers for these purposes. A few years ago 25,000 volumes a year were taken out of the Circulating department alone for such purposes. The use has not been so large of late years as formerly, but as stated above is now increasing rapidly.

The successfulness of the use of the library books on a large scale in aiding teachers and scholars was first demonstrated here. It was its long use here that showed what advantages followed such use and, silencing objections by pointing to our assured success, led libraries all over the country to undertake to lend cordial and bountiful assistance to teachers and scholars in whatever directions assistance is needed.

The increased use of the library has shown itself in the three reading-rooms for magazines and papers as well as in connection with the use of books at home and in the library building.

It has been particularly interesting to note how the use of the Ladies' reading-room grows.

It is evident that in establishing it the library met a want which really exists.

The Worcester District Medical Society, the books of which are housed in the old library building, has granted during the past year increased privileges to residents of Worcester.

It has hitherto allowed its books to be used in the library building for purposes of reference on the same conditions which prevail regarding the use, on the premises, of books in the Free Public Library.

It now permits the officers of this library to give out books from its library to be taken home, in accordance with similar rules to those which regulate the home use of books belonging to a portion of our Intermediate department.

The Worcester District Medical Association has been allowed the use of an additional room for storing its growing collection of books. That institution is a tenant at will and is allowed

the use of rooms in the building of this library until the rooms are needed by the Free Public Library.

It may be that its library will prove so useful to residents that the city will always feel justified in allowing it to occupy its present rooms or other rooms in the building of the Free Public Library.

There have been three exhibitions of pictures in the library building during the past year.

The first was on February 26 when the plates of the great work of the eminent French painter of battle scenes, E. Detaille, entitled *L'Armée Française*, were placed upon the walls of the lecture hall.

We had before shown the uniforms in use in Colonial times in this country and those which have been adopted from time to time in the army of the United States. That exhibition had given great satisfaction and we were not surprised to find that this one, in which the uniforms of all the armies of the service in the French army were displayed in color and as worn by artistic groups of officers and men, also excited a marked interest.

Before the interest in the anniversary of the discovery of America had passed away, it seemed well to have an exhibition of pictures illustrating Mexican antiquities. May 15, one was opened.

The foundation of the collections shown was Dr. A. Penafiel's *Monumenta del arte Mexicano*, which contains hundreds of illustrations in portfolios. Hon. Stephen Salisbury also lent to the library two hundred or more photographs taken from views in different parts of Yucatan.

Mr. Salisbury and Mrs. S. E. Lawton lent numerous objects of interest in connection with Mexico to use in filling our cabinet and the flags of Mexico and Yucatan, and Mrs. Lawton and Mr. David Cesares aided in arranging the curiosities. The library is also especially indebted to Rev. Austin S. Garver, President of the Worcester Art Society, for giving a large amount of time to arranging and hanging the engravings and photographs.

This exhibition proved profitable and entertaining. It was held in our art galleries.

October 12 an exhibition was had in the lecture hall, consisting of the beautifully colored plates of Garnier's soft porcelain of Sèvres and of the photographs of lace in the lace album and in Strassen's *Spitzen des 16-19 Jahrhunderts aus den Sammlungen des Kunstgewerbe-Museums zu Leipzig* ausgerwählt. The first of the three exhibitions was kept open from Feb. 26-March 21, the second from May 15-June 2, the third from Oct. 12-Oct. 27.

There is still a portion of the reference library which has not been removed from the old building into the fire-proof stack in the new building. An item has been put into the estimates to cover the cost of shelving and iron floors, which will be needed in furnishing the upper stack-room before the remainder of the books can be placed in it.

Certain defects in fire-proofing between the old and new buildings and between the stack and front portion of the new library building have recently been remedied.

The portion of the stack which has been built in the upper stack-room has been piped for gas; additional, much needed, gas burners have been placed in the lower reading-room, and improved burners and shades have been substituted for less satisfactory ones in the Green Library reading-room.

The heating apparatus has also been improved. The roof of the old library building has been tinned and painted and much painting has been done on the roof of the new building.

New cases for photographs, engravings, etc., have been made in the west art room.

It is the plan of this library to issue a supplement to the printed catalogue of the circulating department every five years until the number of alphabets becomes so large as to make it necessary to consolidate the supplements or unite them and the main catalogue in a single alphabet.

The manuscript of the supplement now due is partially ready. To complete it, adding all books put into the departments from which they circulate freely, up to January 1, 1895, to pay for

printing and binding an edition of 1200 copies, reading proof, etc., will require an appropriation of \$2,514. Printed catalogues promptly issued, as stated last year, add largely to the value and educational influence of a popular library.

A list of the persons and institutions to which we are indebted for gifts is appended to this report.

We wish to extend hearty thanks to the friends who have so kindly remembered us. Especial gratitude is due to the libraries of Harvard University, Columbia College, and the United States Surgeon-General's office, and to the Boston Athenæum, for their kindness in the past, as in previous years, in lending us many books for the use of citizens of Worcester. Numerous other institutions have been equally kind to us, but we have not had to avail ourselves of their kindness so often as in the case of the institutions particularly mentioned.

Following is my account for money received for fines, etc., with the signatures of the members of the Finance Committee appended. These signatures were added after the account had been examined by the Committee :

CITY OF WORCESTER,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Dec. 17th, 1894.

We have examined the librarian's account from December 1, 1893, the date of the last settlement, and find that it stands as follows :

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Cash balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1, 1893, | \$314 45 | |
| Received for fines, | 588 48 | |
| Received from the sale of copies of the printed catalogues and lists of additions, | 48 46 | |
| Received for books injured or lost, | 8 21 | |
| Received from deposits, | 9 50 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts, | 8 25 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$977 30 |
| Deposits returned, | \$ 11 50 | |
| Paid W. S. Barton, Esq., City Treasurer, | 424 83 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$486 38 | |
| Balance in librarian's hands Dec. 1, 1894, | 540 97 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$977 30 |

GEO. C. WHITNEY,
GEORGE M. WOODWARD,
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Finance.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Balance from previous year, | \$ 60 64 |
| Municipal appropriation, | 28,360 00 |
| Income from invested funds :— | |
| Green Library fund, | \$1,700 18 |
| Reading-room fund, | 462 51 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,162 64 |
| Receipts from dog licenses, | 5,590 44 |
| “ “ fines, | 588 48 |
| “ “ sale of catalogues, | 48 46 |
| Payments for missing or damaged books, | 8 21 |
| Sundries, | 8 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$31,827 07 |
| Cash on hand at last report :— | |
| Green Library fund, | \$806 09 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc., | 814 45 |
| Reading-room fund, | 0 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,120 54 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$32,947 61 |

EXPENDITURES.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Books :— | |
| Green Library fund, | \$ 812 47 |
| City appropriation, | 8,653 40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$9,465 87 |
| Periodicals :— | |
| City appropriation, | \$546 59 |
| Reading-room fund, | 927 44 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,474 03 |
| Binding, | \$1,838 58 |

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Repairs and additions, } | \$1,206 68 |
| Furniture and fixtures, } | |
| Insurance, | 476 88 |
| Fuel, | 885 98 |
| Lights, | 1,839 45 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SALARY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Administration (including wages of janitors), | \$8,589 58 |
| Cataloguing, | 750 00 |
| Extra service, | 8,261 85 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Printing catalogues, | \$162 00 |
| Blanks and stationery, | 254 89 |
| Postage, | 139 75 |
| Sundries :— | |

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| Water for elevators, etc., | \$304 57 |
| Printing annual report, | 58 29 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, minor running expenses, etc., | 898 84 |

\$761 20

Cash on hand December 1, 1894 :—

| | |
|--|------------|
| Green Library fund, | \$1,698 75 |
| Reading-room fund, | 535 07 |
| Money received from fines, sale of catalogues, etc., | 540 97 |
| Balance of city appropriation, | 72 08 |

\$2,841 82

\$32,947 61

ACCESSIONS.

Increase of volumes by purchase :

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Green Library, | 200 | |
| Intermediate department, | 1,565 | |
| Circulating department, | 2,941 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,706 |

Increase of volumes by gifts :

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Intermediate department, | 411 | |
| Circulating department, | 88 | |
| | <hr/> | 449 |

Increase by binding periodicals :

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|
| Green Library, | 1 | |
| Intermediate department, | 457 | |
| Circulating department, | 45 | |
| | <hr/> | 503 |

Increase by placing unbound periodicals in the library :

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|--------------------------|---|
| Intermediate department, | 1 |
|--------------------------|---|

Number of missing volumes restored since last report :

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Circulating department, | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 5,660 |

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Number of volumes withdrawn since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 10 | |
| Circulating department, | 800 | |
| | <hr/> | 810 |
| Number of volumes missing since last report : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 1 | |
| Circulating department, | 35 | |
| | <hr/> | 36 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 346 |
| Net increase for the year, | | <hr/> |
| Number of volumes in the library as last reported : | | 5,814 |
| Green Library, | 23,619 | |
| Intermediate department, | 26,425 | |
| Circulating department, | 42,867 | |
| | <hr/> | 92,911 |
| Total number of volumes in the library, | | <hr/> |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by purchase : | | 98,225 |
| Intermediate department, | 81 | |
| Increase of unbound pamphlets by gifts : | | |
| Intermediate department, | 613 | |
| | <hr/> | 644 |
| Number of newspapers subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and city funds, | 133 | |
| Number of newspapers given to the reading-room. | 44 | |
| | <hr/> | 177 |
| Number of magazines subscribed for : | | |
| Reading-room fund and city funds, | 228, | |
| Green Library fund, | 1 | |
| Number of magazines given to the reading-room, | | 19 |
| | <hr/> | 248 |

CIRCULATION.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Number of days the Circulating department was open, | 305 |
| Number of days the Reference department was open, | 365 |
| Number of days the lower Reading-room was open, | 365 |
| Number of volumes delivered for home use, | 158,822 |
| Number of volumes delivered for reference use, | *86,012 |
| Average daily use (home and reference), | 803 |
| (Circulating department, 521; Reference department, 282) | |
| Largest daily use (home and reference), February 17, | 1,501 |
| (Largest in Circulating department, February 17, 1185; in Reference department, February 27, 560) | |

*Of this number, 13,045 shows the use of volumes and portfolios of pictures in the art exhibitions.

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| Smallest daily use (home and reference), June 28, | 385 |
| (Smallest in Circulating department, April 12, 269; in Reference department, July 2, 38) | |
| Number of books lost and paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 11 |
| Number of books lost and not paid for : | |
| Circulating department, | 24 |
| Number of books worn and withdrawn, | 300 |
| Number of notices to delinquents, | 7,574 |
| Number of volumes bound, | 2,369 |
| Number of names registered during the year, | 2,653 |
| Total number of names registered (a new registry made November 1, 1889), | 17,898 |

SUNDAY USE.

| | |
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| The Reading-rooms are open from 2 o'clock to 9 P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 2,843 |
| Number of persons using the lower rooms, | 7,975 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number of persons, | 10,818 |
| Average number of persons, | 208 |
| Largest Sunday attendance, January 28, | 373 |
| Smallest Sunday attendance, July 1, | 93 |
| Number of volumes delivered (for use within the building), | 1,919 |
| Average number of volumes delivered per Sunday, | 87 |

HOLIDAYS.

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|---|-------|
| The upper reading-room is open from 9 A. M. to 9½ P. M. | |
| The lower room from 8 A. M. to 9½ P. M. | |
| Number of persons using the upper room, | 966 |
| Number of persons using the lower room, | 1,695 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total number, | 2,661 |
| Average number of persons, | 333 |
| Largest attendance, February 22, | 802 |
| Smallest attendance, July 4, | 181 |
| Number of volumes used for reference, | 710 |
| Average number of volumes used, | 89 |

SAMUEL S. GREEN,

Librarian.

APPENDIX.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

| GIVERS. | Books | Pamphlets |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Adams, George, <i>Watertown, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | |
| Aguilar Free Library Society, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Alameda Free Library, <i>Alameda, Cal.</i> , | | 1 |
| Alinari Fratelli, <i>Florence, Italy</i> , | | 4 |
| Allen, Mrs. Fairchild, <i>Aurora, Ill.</i> , 2 folded sheets, 2 sheets, 1 plate, | | 4 |
| American Antiquarian Society, | | 2 |
| American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, | | 2 |
| American Historical Association, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 1 |
| American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>New York City</i> , | 2 | |
| American Library Association, | | 1 |
| American Missionary Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, <i>New York City</i> , | 12 | 7 |
| 1 folded sheet, | | 2 |
| American Unitarian Association, | | 1 |
| Ames, John G., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 1 |
| Amherst College, <i>Amherst, Mass.</i> , | | 6 |
| Andover Theological Seminary, <i>Andover, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Anonymous, 5 folded sheets, 2 sheets, 1 newspaper cutting, | 9 | 22 |
| Anthropological Society of <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 2 |
| Apprentices' Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Arundel Society, <i>London, England</i> , | | 1 |
| Associated Charities of Boston, <i>Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Baillie's Institution Free Library, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Baird, Henry C., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Barrow-in-Furness, Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| 1 sheet, | | 1 |
| Bartlett, Lieut., Charles W., <i>Annapolis, Md.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bartlett, William H., | 1 | |
| Berry, John M., | | 1 |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, <i>Florence, Italy</i> , | 24 | |
| Bigelow Free Public Library, <i>Clinton, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee, | | 1 |
| Blanchard, F. S. & Co., | 8 | |
| Bodleian Library, <i>Oxford, England</i> , | | 1 |
| Boston, City Messenger, | 6 | |
| Public Library, | | 1 |
| Boston Browning Society, | | 2 |
| Boston Children's Hospital, | | 1 |
| Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> | | 1 |
| Bradlee, Caleb D., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | 1 | |
| Braun, Ad. & Cie., <i>Paris, France</i> , | | 1 |
| Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Brighton Public Library, <i>Brighton, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Brookline Public Library, | | 1 |
| Brooklyn Library, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> | | 1 |
| Buffalo Library, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Bullock, Mrs. A. G., | 1 | |
| Burns, Miss Penelope, | 5 | |

| GIVERS. | | |
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| | Books | Pamphlets |
| California State Library, <i>Sacramento, Cal.</i> | 2 | |
| Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Canadian Institute, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | 1 | |
| Canfield, <i>Mrs. P. S.</i> , | 9 | |
| Cardiff, <i>Wales</i> , Free Libraries, | | 1 |
| Carnegie Free Library, <i>Allegheny, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Century Association, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Chesterfield, <i>Mass.</i> , Town Library, | | 1 |
| Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Board of Trade, | 1 | |
| Public Library, | | 1 |
| Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Chittenden, J. Brace, | | 1 |
| Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | 1 | |
| Clapham Public Library, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Clark University, <i>Worcester, Mass.</i> , | | 2 |
| Clerkenwell Public Library, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Cleveland, <i>Ohio</i> , Public Library, | | 10 |
| Cobb, N. A., <i>Sydney, Australia</i> , | 1 | |
| Cobden Club, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 2 |
| Cogswell, <i>Miss Louisa T.</i> , | | 1 |
| Colby University, <i>Waterville, Me.</i> , | | 3 |
| College of the Holy Cross, <i>Worcester, Mass.</i> , | | 4 |
| College of William and Mary, <i>Williamsburg, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Conaty, Thomas J., | | 3 |
| Concord, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Congregational Home Missionary Society, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 3 |
| Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> , | 2 | 4 |
| Crothers, T. D., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Croydon Public Libraries, <i>Croydon, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Dall, <i>Mrs. Caroline H.</i> , <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 | |
| Damon, <i>Mrs. Charles B.</i> , | 1 | |
| Davis, Andrew McFarland, <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | | 3 |
| Dayton Public Library, <i>Dayton, Ohio</i> , | | 1 |
| Denver, <i>Col.</i> , Public Library, | | 4 |
| Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Dexter, Franklin B., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Dickinson, Thomas A., | | 2 |
| District of Columbia, Commissioners, | | 1 |
| Dodd, Mead and Company, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Dodge, Thomas H., | 1 | |
| Doe, Charles H., | 1 | |
| Drew, Allis and Company, | 1 | |
| Dundee Free Library, <i>Dundee, Scotland</i> , | | 1 |
| Edson, A. W., | | 2 |
| Elson, A. W. & Co., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | |
| Enoch Pratt Free Library, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | 2 | 1 |
| Everett, William, <i>Quincy, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Ewing, Thomas, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Fall River Public Library, | | 1 |
| Fay, Otis F., | 1 | |
| First Church, <i>Plymouth, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Fitz, A. S., <i>Pascoag, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |

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| GIVERS. | | |
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| | Books | Pamphlets |
| Fletcher Free Library, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | 1 |
| Forney, M. N., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Foster, L. S., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Friends' Free Library and Reading Room, <i>Germanstown, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| General Electric Company, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>New York City</i> , | | 2 |
| Gibbes, Emily O., | 1 | |
| Gloversville Free Library, <i>Gloversville, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Grand Rapids, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| Green, Andrew H., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| Green, Samuel A., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , 1 sheet, 1 photograph, 1 folded sheet; | 2 | 7 |
| Green, Samuel S., | 3 | 8 |
| Greene, J. Evarts, | | 2 |
| Hale, Charles S., | 1 | |
| Hale, Edward E., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hall, Edward H., <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | 1 | |
| Hall, J. Elmer, | | 1 |
| Hapgood, Warren, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | 1 | |
| Hartford Public Library, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 2 |
| Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | 1 | |
| Hartford Theological Seminary, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> , | | 6 |
| Harvard University, <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | 2 | 3 |
| Hazeu, Henry A., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | 1 | |
| Highland Cadet, | 1 | |
| Highland Military Academy, <i>Worcester, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hoar, E. Rockwood, <i>Concord, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Hoar, George F., | | 8 |
| Hobbs, William H., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 5 |
| Holland Society of New York, | 1 | |
| Home Market Club, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 2 |
| Hopedale Public Library, | | 1 |
| Hoppin, Charles A., Jr., | 1 | |
| Hosmer, Samuel D., | 1 | |
| Houghton, Mifflin and Company, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Howe, Mrs. Georgiana L., <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | 1 | |
| Huling, Ray Greene, <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | 1 | 3 |
| Iles, George, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Indian Rights Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | 5 |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | | 1 |
| Iowa State Library, | 1 | |
| Jensen, Morgens S., | 2 | |
| Jersey City, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 2 |
| Jewett, Warren C., | 2 | |
| Jibari, Christopher, <i>Syria</i> , | | 1 |
| Johns Hopkins University, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 10 |
| Kent, Thomas G., | 1 | |
| Keokuk, <i>Iowa</i> , Board of Health, | | 1 |
| Ketcham, H. J., <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Knowles, Edward R., | 1 | |
| Lancaster, George Y., | | 1 |
| Lancaster, <i>Mass.</i> , Town Library, | | 1 |
| Lawrence, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |

| GIVERS. | | Books | Pamph etc |
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| Lawton, Mrs. S. E., | | | 1 |
| Lay College, <i>Revere, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Leeds, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Leicester, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Leicester Academy, <i>Leicester, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Leland Stanford Junior University, <i>Palo Alto, Cal.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Leominster Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Le Soudier, H., <i>Paris, France</i> , | | 1 | |
| Libble, Charles F. & Co., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Library Association of Portland, <i>Oregon</i> , | | | 1 |
| Libreria Internacional de Romo y Füssel, <i>Madrid, Spain</i> , | | | 1 |
| Linton, William S., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Lodge, Henry C., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | | 2 |
| London, <i>England</i> , Corporation of the City, | | | 1 |
| Los Angeles, <i>Cal.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 | 1 |
| Lynn Public Library, | | | 1 |
| MacAlister, J. Y. U., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | 1 |
| McCall, S. W., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | 1 folded sheet, | | |
| Magaw, Louis De V., | | 1 | |
| Maimonides Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Malden Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>England</i> , Public Free Libraries, | | | 1 |
| Manchester, <i>N. H.</i> , City Library, | | | 1 |
| Marble, Albert P., | | | 1 |
| Marsh, Henry A., | | | 1 |
| Massachusetts, Free Public Library Commission, | 2 maps, | | 1 |
| Record Commissioners, | | 1 | |
| Secretary of the Commonwealth, | | 27 | |
| State Board of Agriculture, | | 1 | |
| State Board of Lunacy and Charity, | | 1 | |
| State Library, | | 12 | 3 |
| State Lunatic Hospital, <i>Northampton, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| State Normal School, <i>Worcester, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Trustees of Public Reservations, | | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Agricultural College, <i>Amherst, Mass.</i> , | | | 5 |
| Massachusetts Cremation Society, | | | 1 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology, | | 1 | 4 |
| Melrose, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Memorial Hall Library, <i>Andover, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 4 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>New York City</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Association, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mercantile Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Michigan State Board of Health, <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> , | | 2 | 2 |
| Millicent Library, <i>Fairhaven Mass.</i> , | | 1 | 1 |
| Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> , Public Library, | | | 4 |
| Minneapolis, <i>Minn.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Minnesota Historical Society, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | 1 sheet, | | |
| Morgan, Charles H., | | 1 | |
| Morison, Mrs. N. H., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Morse, Edward S., <i>Salem, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Morse Institute, <i>Natick, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Mount Holyoke College, <i>South Hadley, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |

| GIVERS. | Books | Pamphlets |
|---|-------|-----------------|
| Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Museum of Fine Arts, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 2 |
| National Civil Service Reform League, | | 12 |
| New Bedford, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| New England Historic Genealogical Society, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | 1 | |
| New Haven, <i>Conn.</i> , Free Public Library, | 1 | 1 |
| New Jersey State Library, <i>Trenton, N. J.</i> , | 1 | |
| New York Free Circulating Library, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 |
| New York State Library School, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 folded sheet, |
| Newark, <i>N. J.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 8 |
| Newton, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Library | | 1 |
| Nichols, H. S. & Co., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 folded sheet, |
| Northampton, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Northborough, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Library, | | 1 |
| Oates, William C., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 1 folded sheet, |
| O'Connor, Andrew, | | 3 sheets, |
| Office of the Publishers' Weekly, | 1 | |
| Otis Library, <i>Norwich, Conn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Pawtucket, <i>R. I.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , | | 2 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Danvers, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Peoria, <i>Ill.</i> , Public Library, | | 2 |
| Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, | 14 | 1 |
| Perry, David B., <i>Crete, Nebraska</i> , | | 1 |
| Philadelphia City Institute, | | 1 |
| Philadelphia, <i>Pa.</i> , Free Library, | | 1 |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> , | | 1 |
| Pickett, Josiah, | | 1 sheet, |
| Pinkerton, Allen, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Plymouth, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Poindexter, Charles, <i>Richmond, Va.</i> , | 1 | |
| Poole, William F., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | 1 | |
| Potter, Burton W., | | 1 |
| Pratt Institute, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , | 1 | |
| Providence, <i>R. I.</i> , City Engineer, | | 2 |
| City Messenger, | 1 | 1 |
| Public Library, | | 1 |
| Record Commissioners, | 3 | |
| Redwood Library and Athenæum, <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , | | 1 |
| Reynolds Library, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , | | 1 |
| Rhode Island, World's Columbian Exposition Commissioners, | 1 | |
| Robbins Library, <i>Arlington, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Royal Society of Canada, <i>Montreal, Canada</i> , | 1 | |
| St. Joseph, <i>Mo.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| St. Louis Mercantile Library Association. <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | 1 |
| St. Paul Public Library, <i>St. Paul, Minn.</i> , | | 1 |
| Salem Public Library, <i>Salem, Mass.</i> , | 1 | 1 |
| Salisbury, Stephen, | | 1 |
| Sargent, Miss Mary F., | | 2 |
| Saward, Frederick E., <i>New York City</i> , | 8 | |
| Scranton Public Library, <i>Scranton, Pa.</i> , | | 1 |

| GIVERS. | | Books | Pamphlets |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Searlight, James A. <i>Uniontown, Pa.</i> | | 1 | |
| Seaver, Edwin P., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> | | 1 | |
| Segsworth, A. E., | | | 1 |
| Sheffield, <i>Eng.</i> , Free Public Libraries, | | | 1 |
| Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , | | 9 | 10 |
| Society of Californian Pioneers, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Society to Encourage Studies at Home, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Somerville, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Southbridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Southwick, Mrs. Anne H., | | | 1 |
| Springfield, <i>Mass.</i> , City Library Association, | | | 2 |
| Stettlner, Lambert & Co., <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 | |
| Stevens, B. F., <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Sturgis, Mrs. Henry P., <i>Salem</i> , | 1 photograph, | 1 | |
| Sunset Club, <i>Chicago, Ill.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Swansea, <i>Wales</i> , Public Library, | | | 2 |
| Tappan, Eva M., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Tatman, Charles T., | | | 1 |
| Taunton, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 | 1 |
| Telegram Newspaper Company, | | 3 | |
| Thayer Academy, <i>Braintree, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Thomas Crane Public Library, <i>Quincy, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Ticknor, Miss A. E., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Tókyó Library, <i>Tókyó, Japan</i> , | | 2 | 3 |
| Tonjoroff, S. Ivan, | 14 sheets, 4 folded sheets, | | |
| Toronto Public Library, <i>Toronto, Canada</i> , | | | 2 |
| Trustees for the Children of Shalam, Dona Anna, <i>New Mexico</i> , | | 1 | |
| Tufts College, <i>Medford, Mass.</i> , | | 1 | 1 |
| Tufts Library, <i>Weymouth, Mass.</i> , | | | 1 |
| Tulare University of Louisiana, <i>New Orleans, La.</i> , | | 1 | |
| Tynemouth, <i>England</i> , Public Free Library, | | | 1 |
| Union Pacific System, Passenger Department, | | | 1 |
| United States, Bureau of Education, | | 7 | 7 |
| Coast and Geodetic Survey, | | 1 | |
| Department of Agriculture, | 1 folded sheet, | 12 | 274 |
| Department of the Interior, | | 158 | 1 |
| Department of Labor, | | 8 | 6 |
| Department of the Navy, | 1 sheet, | 4 | 1 |
| Department of State, | | 8 | 38 |
| Department of War, | 2 maps, | 12 | 6 |
| Fish Commission, | | 3 | |
| Interstate Commerce Commission, | | 8 | |
| Military Academy, <i>West Point, N. Y.</i> , | | | 1 |
| University Club, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 | |
| University of the State of New York, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , 1 folded sheet, | | | 9 |
| University of Vermont, <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , | | | 1 |
| University of Wisconsin, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | | 2 |
| Uxbridge, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Van Nostrand, D. and Company, <i>New York City</i> , | | 1 | |
| Veteran, The, Publishers of, | | | 1 |
| Voorhees, Daniel W., | | 1 | |
| Walker, Joseph H., | 1 folded sheet, | 11 | 11 |
| Waltham, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | | 1 |
| Warren County Library and Reading Room, <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i> , | | | 2 |

| GIVERS. | Books | Pamphlets |
|---|-------|-----------|
| Waterhouse, Sylvester, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , | | 1 |
| Watertown, <i>Mass.</i> , Free Public Library, | | 1 |
| Wesley, William & Son, <i>London, Eng.</i> , | | 1 |
| Westborough, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Weston, <i>Mass.</i> , Town Library, | | 1 |
| Whitney, George C., | 1 | |
| Winslow, William C., <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , | | 1 |
| Wisconsin, State Superintendent, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | | 1 |
| Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> , | 4 | |
| Woburn, <i>Mass.</i> , Public Library, | | 1 |
| Women's Rest Tour Association, <i>Boston, Mass.</i> , 1 folded sheet, | | 1 |
| Worcester, City Clerk, | 1 | |
| City Hospital, | | 1 |
| Parks-Commission, | | 1 |
| Superintendent of Schools, | | 1 |
| Worcester Boys' Club, | | 1 |
| Worcester County Horticultural Society, | | 1 |
| Worcester County Musical Association, | 2 | |
| Worcester County Treasurer, | | 1 |
| Worcester District Medical Society, | 4 | |
| Worcester Polytechnic Institute, | | 1 |
| Worcester Woman's Club, | 1 | |
| Worcester Society of Antiquity, | | 1 |
| Yale University, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , | 3 | 3 |
| Yearly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, <i>Pa.</i> , | | 1 |
| Yeates, W. S., <i>Atlanta, Ga.</i> , | 1 | |
| Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> , | 1 | |
| Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, O.</i> , | | 1 |
| | 449 | 798 |

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

To the Board of Directors:—

The Committee on the Library would offer the following report :

As will be seen from the statistics appended to the report of the Librarian, a larger number of volumes has been added to the library during the past year than in the previous year. In selecting the books great care has been taken to look out for the interests of the industries of the city, and to meet the popular demand for scientific and other solid works.

Many stories and novels have been bought, but the Committee and Librarian have taken great pains to buy books of a high character only. Our work has been greatly facilitated by the liberality of the City Government. We trust that it will be apparent to all that the money appropriated has been well spent, inasmuch as it has not only been used to satisfy present needs, but to lay a sure foundation for the future enlargement of intelligence, and for awakening demands for knowledge in the minds of the young men to whom Worcester must look for her prosperity in coming years. There is a growing need for additional stacks and shelving in the upper room to which we wish to call attention, hoping to be able to relieve this want in the near future. We appreciate the gifts that have been made

to the library, and are very glad to hereby express our thanks to the donors. A list of them will be found in an appendix to the report of the Librarian.

EVERETT J. BARDWELL,
CHAS. A. PEABODY,
ALMON GUNNISON,
JOHN O. MARBLE,
GEORGE M. WOODWARD,

Committee on the Library.

WORCESTER, December, 1894.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE READING-ROOM.

The Trustees, to whom has been assigned the care of the Reading-Room in the Free Public Library of Worcester, respectfully submit the following report: It is with great pleasure that we are able to say that during the past year there has been a large attendance in the Reading-Rooms, thus giving evidence of the increasing popularity of this means of public instruction. This is particularly noticeable in the use of the Reading-Room for ladies, as we find it in constant use, showing very clearly that the ladies appreciate the efforts that have been made for their convenience while using the periodicals that have been placed at their disposal. We have again to record our gratitude to the citizens of our city for their many gifts to the Reading-Room, by which we are enabled to place within reach of the public the best publications in the varied religious, political and mercantile fields into which our Library regulations do not permit us to enter at public expense. Herewith is appended a list of all such gifts, as well as of all periodicals and papers, added during the year. We also mention the publications discontinued. 133 newspapers have been subscribed for, and 44 have been given, making a total of 177 in use in the Reading-Room. 229 magazines are purchased regularly, and 19 donated, making a total of 248. As you may see, by comparison with the previous year, there are on our files now 18 more papers and periodicals than in 1893. Attention was called a year ago to the mutilation of papers, which was a source of great annoyance. We are pleased to state that very little complaint is now

made in that direction. Order in the rooms has been well kept; so much so that the officers of the Library report that during the year the order has been excellent, reflecting credit upon the janitor and the public. All this has added to the comfort of the readers who flock to the Library in great numbers, intent upon the instruction they cannot find elsewhere.

Your Committee has prepared estimates for the coming year, and they will be reported to the Board by the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS J. CONATY,
GEO. C. WHITNEY,
EDMUND L. PARKER,

Committee on the Reading-Room.

WORCESTER, Dec. 22, 1894.

PERIODICALS AND PAPERS ADDED DURING THE YEAR.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Altruistic review, | Month, |
| American historical register, | Music review, |
| Argosy, | New occasions, |
| Around the world, | Physical review, |
| Illustrated American, | Popular astronomy, |
| Illustrated archæologist, | Psychological review, |
| Irish monthly, | Quarterly illustrator, |
| Journal of geology, | Quarterly journal of microscopical |
| Kindergarten magazine, | science, |
| Lutheran quarterly review, | La Revue de Paris, |
| McClure's magazine, | Twentieth century, |
| Maine historical magazine, | William and Mary college quarterly, |
| Missionary review, | Zeitschrift für Bildende Kunst. |

GIFTS TO THE READING-ROOM.

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| *American, | Publishers. |
| American Catholic news, | Catholic Truth Society. |
| American citizen, | American Patriotic Association. |
| American gas-light journal, | G. W. Dresser, Editor. |
| American missionary, | American Missionary Association. |
| Amerika, | Rev. B. E. Bergesen. |
| Amerikanische Turnzeitung, | Publishers. |
| Baptist missionary magazine, | F. A. Gaskill. |
| Berrow's Worcester journal, | Charles H. Birbeck. |
| Bulletin of the National Association of | |
| Wool Manufacturers, | Association. |
| Catholic school and home magazine. | T. J. Conaty. |
| *C. T. A. news, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Catholic union and times, | T. J. Conaty. |
| *Christian, | Herbert E. Buxton. |
| Christian leader, | Universalist Publishing House. |
| Christian register, | American Unitarian Association. |
| Congressional record, | J. H. Walker. |
| Converted Catholic, | Mrs. M. S. Dennie. |
| Donahoe's magazine, | F. A. Eaton. |
| Draper's record, | Proprietors. |
| Engineering, | Publishers. |
| L'Espérance, | Publishers. |
| Evesham journal, | Publishers. |
| Fashions, | Denholm, McKay Co. |
| Fitchburg weekly sentinel, | Sentinel Printing Co. |
| *Free Russia, | Publishers. |
| Home market bulletin, | Home Market Club. |
| Home missionary, | Publishers. |
| Hope and home, | John M. Berry. |

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| *Insurance critic, | Publishers. |
| Kosmopolitan, | F. S. Hutchins. |
| Land of sunshine, | Publishers. |
| Locomotive, | J. L. Smith. |
| Messenger, | Publishers. |
| Mid-weekly, | Jessie E. Tyler. |
| Missionary herald, | Publishers. |
| Musical times, | Publishers. |
| New England Staaten Zeitung, | Publishers. |
| *New York observer, | P. Emory Aldrich. |
| Norden, | Rev. B. E. Bergesen. |
| Northwest magazine, | Publishers. |
| Northwestern chronicle, | T. J. Conaty. |
| *Oasis, | Lieut. R. B. Bryan. |
| Official gazette of the U. S. Patent | |
| Office, | U. S. Patent Office. |
| Open court, | Publishers. |
| L'opinion publique, | Publishers. |
| Our dumb animals, | Publishers. |
| *Our prison light, | Anonymous. |
| Paradise of the Pacific, | Anonymous. |
| Patriotic American, | Anonymous. |
| People, The | State Central Committee Social Labor |
| | Party. |
| Physical education, | Publishers. |
| Positivist review, | Edward S. Beesly, Editor. |
| Printers ink, | Anonymous. |
| Proportional representation review, | Anonymous. |
| Public ledger, | Publishers. |
| Purple, | Holy Cross College. |
| Saint Andrew's Cross, | Chapter 67 Brotherhood of St. Andrew |
| Skandinavia, | Publishers. |
| Southern workman, | Mrs. P. S. L. Canfield. |
| Textile World, | Publishers. |
| True witness and Catholic chronicle, | T. J. Conaty. |
| Tuftonian, | Tufts College. |
| Union signal, | Anonymous. |
| Unity, | S. S. Green. |
| Volaspodel, | F. L. Hutchins. |
| Weekly Tulare register, | Anonymous. |
| Worcester daily spy, | Publishers. |
| Worcester evening gazette, | Publishers. |
| World's crisis, | Publishers. |
| *Yarmouth herald, | Hon. L. E. Baker. |
| Zion's herald, | Anonymous. |

***Discontinued.**

REPORT

OF THE

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Free Public Library:—

The Building Committee has spent \$1,206.63 upon repairs and furniture. For an account of the more important things for which expenditures were made, reference may be had to the report of the Librarian.

The Committee anticipates that it can get along with a smaller amount the present year for ordinary repairs and furniture, and, also, that there will not be a need of so large an expenditure for fuel and lights. The sums which will be required have been put into the estimates.

The Committee would, however, call the especial attention of the City Government to two important matters.

In the first place it would emphasize the expression of its conviction of the need of providing additional shelving in the upper stack-room, so that all the books of the reference library may be kept in the fire-proof receptacle provided for them.

In the second place it is its duty to call the attention of the City Government to the fact that it will require \$2,500, or \$3,000, to change the power by which the two large elevators of the library are now run.

These are, the Committee understands, the only elevators of any importance, owned by the city, for which city water is

used, and the Committee would suggest that, possibly, on second thought, it will be considered advisable to use the small amount of water needed for running the elevators, rather than go to the expense of making the changes, which will be required, if it does not.

E. I. COMINS,
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON,

Committee on the Building.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Directors of the Free Public Library:—

The Committee herewith submits statements relating to the city appropriation and to expenditures therefrom, and to the Green Library and Librarian funds, for the year ending November 30, 1894.

The amount of the city appropriation last year was \$23,360; the amount received from the Dog License fund, \$5,590.44; from fines, sales of catalogues, etc., \$424.83; balance of last year, \$60.64; total \$29,435.91

The expenditures were \$29,363.88; leaving a balance unexpended of \$72.03.

The amount of the Green Library fund is now \$46,432.49. One-fourth part of the income, \$562.35, has been added to it during the year, in accordance with the provisions of the will of Dr. Green.

The amount of the Librarian fund, the income of which is to be added to the principal until the fund amounts to \$20,000, is now \$3,737.65.

All the securities of the Green Library and Librarian funds, in the hands of the City Treasurer, have been examined and found to correspond with the schedule, and the Treasurer's account has been audited and found to be correct. The Committee has also examined and approved the accounts of the Librarian and of the Treasurer of the Reading-room fund.

The estimates of the Committee for the expenses of the coming year are herewith submitted.

GEO. C. WHITNEY,
GEORGE M. WOODWARD,
FRANCIS A. HARRINGTON,

Committee on Finance.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Financial statement for the year ending November 30, 1894.

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Balance from previous year, | \$ 60 64 |
| City appropriation, | 23,360 00 |
| Dog money, | 5,590 44 |
| Fines, catalogues, etc. (two-thirds of a year), | 424 83 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$29,435 91 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Binding, | \$1,338 53 |
| Printing lists of additions, | 162 00 |
| Other printing and charging slips, | 185 93 |
| Freight (foreign and domestic), expressage, postage, removing ashes, sprinkling street, and minor running expenses, | 446 09 |
| Covering paper and stationery, | 71 15 |
| Postal cards for notices to delinquents, | 90 00 |
| Cards for cataloguing, | 55 80 |
| Ordinary repairs, furniture, brushes, etc., | 1,206 63 |
| Coal and wood, | 885 93 |
| Electric light, | 273 60 |
| Gas, | 1,065 85 |
| Water, | 304 57 |
| Salaries of assistants, | 4,449 98 |
| Salary of librarian, | 3,500 00 |
| Wages of janitor and janitor's work done by the hour, | 1,389 60 |
| Service by hour and elevator boy, | 2,961 16 |
| Cataloguing, | 112 56 |
| Insurance, | 476 88 |
| Reading-room, | 1,000 00 |
| Work on new supplement to Circulating Department, | 187 63 |
| Books, | 9,199 99 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$29,863 88 |
| Balance unexpended, | 72 03 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$29,435 91 |

STATEMENT OF THE GREEN LIBRARY FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1894.

The income for the year ending November 30, 1894, is as follows :

| | |
|--|------------|
| Interest on notes secured by mortgage, | \$857 58 |
| Dividends on Bank stock, | 433 00 |
| Dividends on Savings Bank deposits, | 789 48 |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 24 73 |
| Bank tax, refunded by Commissioner, | 144 49 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2,249 28 |

Of this income, there has been added to the fund one-fourth part, viz.,

\$ 562 35

And to the book account three-fourths, viz.,

1,686 93

\$2,249 28

The following statements show the condition of the Investment and Book accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer :

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | Nov. 30, 1893. | Nov. 30, 1894. |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Notes secured by mortgage, | \$18,800 00 | \$17,800 00 |
| Bank stock, par value, | 7,800 00 | 7,800 00 |
| Savings Bank deposits, | 19,270 14 | 19,832 49 |
| National Bank deposit, | | 1,500 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$45,870 14 | \$46,432 49 |

BOOK ACCOUNT, VIZ. :

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Balance, Dec. 1, 1893, | \$ 806 09 |
| Three-fourths of annual income of fund, | 1,686 93 |
| Interest on Bank deposits, | 18 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$2,506 22. |
| Expended for books, etc., during year, | 812 47 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, November 30, 1894, | \$1,693 75 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | Nov. 30, 1893. | Nov. 30, 1894. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment balances, | \$45,870 14 | \$46,432 49 |
| Book account balances, | 806 09 | 1,693 75 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$46,676 23 | \$48,126 24 |

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN FUND.

NOVEMBER 30, 1894.

The following statement shows the condition of the Investment and Cash accounts as verified by the books and securities in the hands of the City Treasurer:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Bank stock, par value, | \$3,000 00 |
| Savings Bank deposit, | 787 65 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,787 65 |

